

# FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <b>TURNER RYAN W</b>		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>Pacific Ethanol, Inc. [PEIX]</b>		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable) ____ Director _____ 10% Owner ____ Officer (give title) _____ Other (specify below) <b>former Chief Operating Officer</b>	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>05/16/2006</b>		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) __X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
5711 N. WEST AVENUE			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
(Street) <b>FRESNO, CA 93711</b>			(City)		(State)
(City)			(State)		(Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)			
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S		800	D \$ 34.73	49,200	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S		100	D \$ 34.9	49,100	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S		800	D \$ 35	48,300	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S		230	D \$ 35.1	48,070	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S		569	D \$ 35.15	47,501	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S		400	D \$ 35.2	47,101	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S		400	D \$ 35.25	46,701	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S		100	D \$ 35.26	46,601	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S		3,400	D \$ 35.28	43,201	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S		1,000	D \$ 35.29	42,201	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S		1,301	D \$ 35.3	40,900	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S		400	D \$ 35.32	40,500	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S		700	D \$ 35.34	39,800	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S		1,600	D \$ 35.44	38,200	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S		1,100	D \$ 35.48	37,100	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S		900	D \$ 35.63	36,200	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S		1,100	D \$ 35.65	35,100	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S		400	D \$ 35.69	34,700	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S		200	D \$ 35.81	34,500	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S		200	D \$ 35.84	34,300	D	

Common Stock	05/16/2006		S	400	D	\$ 35.89	33,900	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S	1,700	D	\$ 35.9	32,200	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S	200	D	\$ 35.94	32,000	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S	1,700	D	\$ 35.98	30,300	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S	800	D	\$ 36	29,500	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S	1,000	D	\$ 36.04	28,500	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S	200	D	\$ 36.06	28,300	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S	900	D	\$ 36.08	27,400	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S	1,201	D	\$ 36.09	26,199	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S	1,200	D	\$ 36.1	24,999	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TURNER RYAN W 5711 N. WEST AVENUE FRESNO, CA 93711				former Chief Operating Officer

## Signatures

/s/ Ryan W. Turner	05/17/2006
<small>Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

### Remarks:

This is part 1 of 3. There are more than 30 transactions to report.

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