

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)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person TURNER RYAN W | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Pacific Ethanol, Inc. [PEIX] | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ____ Director _____ 10% Owner ____ Officer (give title _____) _____ Other (specify below) former Chief Operating Officer | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 5711 N. WEST AVENUE | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/16/2006 | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (Street) FRESNO, CA 93711 | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | |
| (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) | | | | Price |
| Common Stock | 05/16/2006 | | S | | 2,010 | D | \$ 36.16 | 22,989 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/16/2006 | | S | | 500 | D | \$ 36.17 | 22,489 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/16/2006 | | S | | 420 | D | \$ 36.18 | 22,069 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/16/2006 | | S | | 400 | D | \$ 36.2 | 21,669 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/16/2006 | | S | | 500 | D | \$ 36.26 | 21,169 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/16/2006 | | S | | 100 | D | \$ 36.27 | 21,069 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/16/2006 | | S | | 1,499 | D | \$ 36.28 | 19,570 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/16/2006 | | S | | 400 | D | \$ 36.29 | 19,170 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/16/2006 | | S | | 400 | D | \$ 36.3 | 18,770 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/16/2006 | | S | | 800 | D | \$ 36.35 | 17,970 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/16/2006 | | S | | 400 | D | \$ 36.36 | 17,570 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/16/2006 | | S | | 3,200 | D | \$ 36.4 | 14,370 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/16/2006 | | S | | 100 | D | \$ 36.41 | 14,270 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/16/2006 | | S | | 540 | D | \$ 36.43 | 13,730 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/16/2006 | | S | | 800 | D | \$ 36.44 | 12,930 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/16/2006 | | S | | 1,260 | D | \$ 36.45 | 11,670 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/16/2006 | | S | | 900 | D | \$ 36.51 | 10,770 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/16/2006 | | S | | 100 | D | \$ 36.52 | 10,670 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/16/2006 | | S | | 700 | D | \$ 36.54 | 9,970 | D | |

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|--------------|------------|--|---|-------|---|----------|-------|---|--|
| Common Stock | 05/16/2006 | | S | 700 | D | \$ 36.57 | 9,270 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/16/2006 | | S | 300 | D | \$ 36.58 | 8,970 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/16/2006 | | S | 2,050 | D | \$ 36.6 | 6,920 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/16/2006 | | S | 450 | D | \$ 36.61 | 6,470 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/16/2006 | | S | 700 | D | \$ 36.63 | 5,770 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/16/2006 | | S | 800 | D | \$ 36.64 | 4,970 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/16/2006 | | S | 1,409 | D | \$ 36.65 | 3,561 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/16/2006 | | S | 1,611 | D | \$ 36.68 | 1,950 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/16/2006 | | S | 600 | D | \$ 36.7 | 1,350 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/16/2006 | | S | 150 | D | \$ 36.73 | 1,200 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/16/2006 | | S | 900 | D | \$ 36.78 | 300 | 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) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | 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) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |
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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

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| /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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