FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 McGregor Bryon T

 (Last) (First) (Middle)
 400 CAPITOL MALL, SUITE 2060

 (Street)
 SACRAMENTO,, CA 95814
 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Pacific Ethanol, Inc. [PEIX]

 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 08/01/2011

 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ____ Director ____ 10% Owner
 __X__ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
 Chief Financial Officer

 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

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	08/01/2011		A		20,000	A	$ 0	64,701 [(1)]	D	

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

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)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
McGregor Bryon T 400 CAPITOL MALL, SUITE 2060 SACRAMENTO,, CA 95814			Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Bryon T. McGregor	08/02/2011
** Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses: