### FORM 4

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

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address<br>GREINKE FRAN   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading<br>Symbol<br>Pacific Ethanol, Inc. [PEIX] |   |                |      |                                    |        | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to<br>Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner |   |  |                         |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transacti<br>5711 N. WEST AVENUE (Month/Day/Year)<br>10/04/2006 |  |   |                | tion |                                    |        |   |   |  |                         |  |
| FRESNO,, CA 93  |  | 4. If Amendment, Date Original<br>Filed(Month/Day/Year) |                |      |                                    |        |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check<br>Applicable Line)<br>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |                         |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqu   |  |   |                |      |                                    |        | Acqui   | red, Disposed of, or F  | Beneficially (   | Owned                   |  |
| 1.Title of Security<br>(Instr. 3)   | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)                                     | Exectany  | ution Date, if | Code | str. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or |        | ))  | Following Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)  | 6.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership |  |
| Common Stock  | 10/04/2006   |   |                | A    |                                    | 15,600 | A   | \$0   | 115,600  | 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 | 2.          | <ol><li>Transaction</li></ol> | 3A. Deemed         | 4.          | 5.     |       | <ol><li>Date Exer</li></ol> | rcisable           | 7. Tit | le and  | 8. Price of | 9. Number of   | 10.         | 11. Nature  |  |
|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------|-------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------|---------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| Derivative  | Conversion  | Date                          | Execution Date, if | Transaction | Numl   | oer   | and Expirati                | on Date            | Amo    | unt of  | Derivative  | Derivative     | Ownership   | of Indirect |  |
| Security    | or Exercise | (Month/Day/Year)              | any                | Code        | of     |       | (Month/Day                  | /Year)             | Unde   | erlying | Security    | Securities     | Form of     | Beneficial  |  |
| (Instr. 3)  | Price of    |                               | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8)  | Deriv  | ative |                             |                    | Secu   | rities  | (Instr. 5)  | Beneficially   | Derivative  | Ownership   |  |
|             | Derivative  |                               |                    |             | Secur  | ities |                             |                    | (Instr | . 3 and |             | Owned          | Security:   | (Instr. 4)  |  |
|             | Security    |                               |                    |             | Acqu   | ired  |                             |                    | 4)     |         |             | Following      | Direct (D)  |             |  |
|             |             |                               |                    |             | (A) o  | r     |                             |                    |        |         |             | Reported       | or Indirect |             |  |
|             |             |                               |                    |             | Dispo  | osed  |                             |                    |        |         |             | Transaction(s) | (I)         |             |  |
|             |             |                               |                    |             | of (D  | )     |                             |                    |        |         |             | (Instr. 4)     | (Instr. 4)  |             |  |
|             |             |                               |                    |             | (Instr | . 3,  |                             |                    |        |         |             |                |             |             |  |
|             |             |                               |                    |             | 4, and | 15)   |                             |                    |        |         |             |                |             |             |  |
|             |             |                               |                    |             |        |       |                             |                    |        | Amount  |             |                |             |             |  |
|             |             |                               |                    |             |        |       | <b>.</b>                    |                    |        |         |             |                |             |             |  |
|             |             |                               |                    |             |        |       | Date                        | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Number  |             |                |             |             |  |
|             |             |                               |                    |             |        |       | Exercisable                 | Date               |        | of      |             |                |             |             |  |
|             |             |                               |                    | Code V      | (A)    | (D)   |                             |                    |        | Shares  |             |                |             |             |  |

#### **Reporting Owners**

| Donardina Oroman Names / Address | Relationships |           |         |       |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |  |  |
| GREINKE FRANK P                  |               |           |         |       |  |  |  |  |
| 5711 N. WEST AVENUE              | X             |           |         |       |  |  |  |  |
| FRESNO., CA 93711                |               |           |         |       |  |  |  |  |

#### **Signatures**

| /s/ Frank P. Greinke            | 10/05/2006 |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date       |

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

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