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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address TURNER RYAN | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Pacific Ethanol, Inc. [PEIX] | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner | | | | |
| 400 CAPITOL M. | | (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/01/2010 | | | | | <u>.</u> | Officer (give title Other (specify below below) | | | |
| SACRAMENTO, | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City) (S | | Table I - I | Non-Der | ivat | ive Secur | ities A | nired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | |
| | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Exec | ution Date, if | Code Disposed of (D) | | or O) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | Ownership Form: | Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price | | (111501.4) | |
| Common Stock | 10/01/2010 | | | A | | 57,142 | A | \$0 | 69,642 | D | |

| Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities benefic directly or indirectly. | ially owned | | |
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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. | Transaction | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | | Date Exer | rcisable | 7. Tit | tle and | 8. Price of | 9. Number of | 10. | 11. Nature |
|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------|-------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|----------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Derivative | Conversion | Date | Execution Date, if | Transaction | Numl | ber | 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 | | | (Inst | r. 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, | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | | or | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Date | Expiration Date | Title | Number | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | | of | | | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | | | | Shares | | | | |

Reporting Owners

| Donouting Oromon Names / Address | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| TURNER RYAN W | | | | | | | | |
| 400 CAPITOL MALL, #2060 | X | | | | | | | |
| SACRAMENTO,, CA 95814 | | | | | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ Ryan W. Turner | 10/05/2010 |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

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).

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