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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Wright Christopher 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			
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	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Wright Christopher W 400 CAPITOL MALL #2060 SACRAMENTO, CA 95814			VP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary			

# **Signatures**

/s/ Christopher W. Wright	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).
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