

# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <b>STONE TERRY L</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>Pacific Ethanol, Inc. [PEIX]</b>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>12/06/2010</b>					
400 CAPITOL MALL, SUITE 2060								
(Street) <b>SACRAMENTO, CA 95814</b>			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>					

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	12/07/2010		S		500	D	\$ 0.6462	186,642	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2010		S		100	D	\$ 0.6426	186,542	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2010		S		342	D	\$ 0.6408	186,200	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2010		S		300	D	\$ 0.6418	185,900	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2010		S		100	D	\$ 0.6418	185,800	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2010		S		600	D	\$ 0.6416	185,200	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2010		S		200	D	\$ 0.6426	185,000	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2010		S		500	D	\$ 0.6461	184,500	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2010		S		400	D	\$ 0.6426	184,100	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2010		S		500	D	\$ 0.6462	183,600	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2010		S		200	D	\$ 0.6426	183,400	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2010		S		200	D	\$ 0.6426	183,200	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2010		S		300	D	\$ 0.6418	182,900	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2010		S		100	D	\$ 0.6418	182,800	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2010		S		600	D	\$ 0.6423	182,200	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2010		S		100	D	\$ 0.6462	182,100	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2010		S		600	D	\$ 0.6426	181,500	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2010		S		200	D	\$ 0.6462	181,300	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2010		S		100	D	\$ 0.6418	181,200	D	

Common Stock	12/07/2010		S	200	D	\$ 0.6426	181,000	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2010		S	100	D	\$ 0.6418	180,900	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2010		S	158	D	\$ 0.6418	180,742	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2010		S	200	D	\$ 0.6426	180,542	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2010		S	300	D	\$ 0.6418	180,242	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2010		S	1,500	D	\$ 0.6408	178,742	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2010		S	300	D	\$ 0.641	178,442	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2010		S	200	D	\$ 0.6418	178,242	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2010		S	300	D	\$ 0.6418	177,942	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2010		S	400	D	\$ 0.6408	177,542	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2010		S	400	D	\$ 0.6408	177,142	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)
				Code	V		(A)	(D)					

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STONE TERRY L 400 CAPITOL MALL, SUITE 2060 SACRAMENTO, CA 95814	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Terry L. Stone	12/08/2010
<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).

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