### FORM 4

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Ty	ype Respons	ses)													
	nd Address Michael D	Symbol	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				o			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 400 CAPITOL MALL, SUITE 2060			0 (Month/Day/	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/01/2014									y below)		
(Street) SACRAMENTO, CA 95814				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)X_ Form filed by One Reporting PersonForm filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)	(Si	rate) (Zip)	Table I - I	Non-Der	ivati	ive Secu	rities	Acqui	ired, Disposed	of, or	Beneficia	ally Own	ed		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)		Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed of (I (Instr. 3, 4 and		(D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially O Following Rep	wned	6. Owners Form: Direct (	ship of Ir Ben	ature ndirect eficial nership		
				Code	v	Amount	(A) or t (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4		or Indir (I) (Instr. 4	rect (Inst	tr. 4)		
Common	Stock	04/01/2014		F		1,955 (1)	D	\$ 17.9	26,527		D				
Reminder: directly or		separate line for ea	ch class of securitie	s benefic	ially	owned									
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			erivative Securities g., puts, calls, war	-	-	•			•	d					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year	Code	Transaction Code		Number a		5. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Month/Day/Year)		le and int of rlying ities . 3 and		9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form of	11. Natu of Indire Beneficia Ownersh (Instr. 4)
				Code	e V	(A)	E	Date Exercis	Expiration able Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address		10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Kandris Michael D 400 CAPITOL MALL SUITE 2060 SACRAMENTO, CA 95814	X		Chief Operating Officer				

### **Signatures**

/s/ Michael D. Kandris	04/01/2014
**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).
- (1) Amount represents shares withheld upon vesting of restricted stock to cover withholding taxes.

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