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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Addres Jones William L | 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 |) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/28/2014 | | | | | | Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) | | | | |
| () SACRAMENTO, | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | 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) (| State) (Zip) | | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqui | | | | | | ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | |
| (Instr. 3) Date Exec (Month/Day/Year) any | | | | Transaction Code | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | |)) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | Ownership of Inc Form: Benef | Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | 05/28/2014 | | | А | | 864 <u>(1)</u> | А | \$0 | 49,893 | 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) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. 1 | Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction | 3A. Deemed | 4. | : | 5. | | 6. Date Exer | cisable | 7. Tit | le and | 8. Price of | 9. Number of | 10. | 11. Nature |
| Der | rivative | Conversion | Date | Execution Date, if | Transactio | on | Numl | ber | and Expirati | on Date | Amo | unt of | Derivative | Derivative | Ownership | of Indirect |
| Sec | curity | or Exercise | (Month/Day/Year) | any | Code | - | of | | (Month/Day | /Year) | Unde | erlying | Security | Securities | Form of | Beneficial |
| (Ins | str. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) |] | Deriv | ative | | | Secu | rities | (Instr. 5) | Beneficially | Derivative | Ownership |
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Reporting Owners

| Den et a Oran Name (Addams | Relationships | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | | |
| Jones William L 400 CAPITOL MALL #2060 SACRAMENTO, CA 95814 | х | | | | | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ William L. Jones | 05/28/2014 |
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| Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

Explanation of Responses:

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On May 23, 2014, Mr. Jones and the other holders of Series B Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock ("Preferred Stock") of Pacific Ethanol, Inc. entered into an agreement with Pacific Ethanol, Inc. to, among other things, settle an outstanding obligation through payment in shares of common stock of Pacific Ethanol, Inc. of a portion of the accrued and unpaid dividends on the Preferred Stock. The negotiated price of the common stock to be issued to Mr. Jones and the other holders of the Preferred Stock was \$12.16 per share, which was the

(1) price of the common stock to be issued to Mr. Jones and the other holders of the Preferred Stock was \$12.16 per share, which was the closing price per share of Pacific Ethanol's common stock on The NASDAQ Capital Market on May 21, 2014, the day immediately preceding the commencement of the offering. On May 28, 2014, the transaction closed and Pacific Ethanol, Inc. issued, and Mr. Jones acquired, 864 shares of common stock of Pacific Ethanol, Inc. in satisfaction of \$10,500 in accrued and unpaid dividends on the Preferred Stock.

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