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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Ty	pe Response	s)															
Name and Address of Reporting Person * McGregor Bryon T				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				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 400 CAPITOL MALL #2060				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/01/2020							1		X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  Chief Financial Officer				
(Street)				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)							ear)	-	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814 (City) (State) (Zip)				Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqu							ties A	.cqui	uired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned				
(Instr. 3) Date		2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acqu (A) or Disposed o (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		sed of	f Beneficia		ally Owned Following Transaction(s)		Ownership Form: Direct (D)	Beneficial Ownership		
							Code	V	' Amou	(A or int (D	•	rice			(I	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 04/		04/01/2020				F		21,6	85 D	\$ 0.	.25	192,210			D		
			Table II - I					ed, D	Disposed	of, or I	Benefi	iciall	•		trol numbe	r.	
Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Y	3A. Deemed Execution Dat	4. Transaction Code ear) (Instr. 8)		5ion N C I S A ( ( I C C ( ( ( ( ( ( ( ( ( ( ( ( ( ( (	5. Number a		ions, convertible securi  6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		) 	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4)	Owners Form of Derivati Security Direct ( or Indire	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				C	Code V		(A) (D)	Dat Exe	e ercisable	Expira Date	tion ,	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Repor	ting O	wners															

	Relationships							
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
McGregor Bryon T 400 CAPITOL MALL #2060 SACRAMENTO, CA 95814			Chief Financial Officer					

# **Signatures**

/s/ Bryon T. McGregor	04/02/2020
**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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