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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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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 * Jones William L | | ng Person * | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Pacific Ethanol, Inc. [PEIX] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | | |
|---|----------|-------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | | | |
| 5711 N. WEST | Γ AVENUE | | (Month/Day/Year) 10/19/2006 | X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | | | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | | |
| FRESNO,, CA 93711 | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | le I - Non- | Derivative | e Secu | rities Acqui | red, Disposed of, | or Beneficial | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|--------|--------------|--|--|---|
| 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. Securi oner Dispo (Instr. 3, | sed of | ` ′ | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code V | Amount | | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2006 | | S | 1,500 | D | \$ 16.83 | 1,824,700 | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2006 | | S | 1,200 | D | \$ 16.89 | 1,823,500 | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2006 | | S | 100 | D | \$ 16.96 | 1,823,400 | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2006 | | S | 600 | D | \$ 16.97 | 1,822,800 | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2006 | | S | 3,900 | D | \$ 16.98 | 1,818,900 | D | |
| | 10/19/2006 | | S | 100 | D | \$ 16.99 | 1,818,800 | D | |

| Common Stock | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|---|-------|---|---------------|-----------|---|
| Common Stock | 10/19/2006 | S | 2,200 | D | \$ 17 | 1,816,600 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2006 | S | 1,500 | D | \$ 17.01 | 1,815,100 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2006 | S | 1,600 | D | \$ 17.02 | 1,813,500 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2006 | S | 1,400 | D | \$ 17.03 | 1,812,100 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2006 | S | 2,400 | D | \$ 17.04 | 1,809,700 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2006 | S | 500 | D | \$ 17.0401 | 1,809,200 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2006 | S | 4,081 | D | \$ 17.05 | 1,805,119 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2006 | S | 200 | D | \$ 17.06 | 1,804,919 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2006 | S | 2,300 | D | \$ 17.07 | 1,802,619 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2006 | S | 600 | D | \$ 17.08 | 1,802,019 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2006 | S | 953 | D | \$ 17.09 | 1,801,066 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2006 | S | 1,900 | D | \$ 17.1 | 1,799,166 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2006 | S | 200 | D | \$ 17.11 | 1,798,966 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2006 | S | 1,712 | D | \$ 17.12 | 1,797,254 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2006 | S | 800 | D | \$ 17.13 | 1,796,454 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2006 | S | 1,220 | D | \$ 17.14 | 1,795,234 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2006 | S | 360 | D | \$ 17.15 | 1,794,874 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2006 | S | 1,300 | D | \$ 17.17 | 1,793,574 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2006 | S | 3,828 | D | \$ 17.18 | 1,789,746 | D |
| | 10/19/2006 | S | 1,000 | D | | 1,788,746 | D |

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| Common Stock | | | | | \$ 17.1801 | | |
|-----------------|------------|---|-------|---|---------------|-----------|---|
| Common Stock | 10/19/2006 | S | 800 | D | \$ 17.19 | 1,787,946 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2006 | S | 3,550 | D | \$ 17.2 | 1,784,396 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2006 | S | 825 | D | \$ 17.21 | 1,783,571 | 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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Tit | le and | 8. Price of |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------|---------|----------|---------------|-------------|--------|------------|-------------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transa | ctionNu | ımber | Expiration D | ate | Amou | ınt of | Derivative |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Unde | rlying | Security |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. | 8) De | rivativ | e | | Secur | rities | (Instr. 5) |
| | Derivative | | | | Sec | curities | | | (Instr | . 3 and 4) | |
| | Security | | | | Ac | quired | | | | | |
| | • | | | | (A |) or | | | | | |
| | | | | | Di | sposed | | | | | |
| | | | | | of | (D) | | | | | |
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| | | | | | 4, | and 5) | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | | Amount | |
| | | | | | | | Date | Expiration | | or | |
| | | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | Title | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | of | |
| | | | | Code | V (A | (D) | | | | Shares | |

Deletionships

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Jones William L | | | | | | | |
| 5711 N. WEST AVENUE | X | | | | | | |
| FRESNO,, CA 93711 | | | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ William L.

| Jones | 10/19/2006 |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

Reporting Owners 3

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).

Remarks:

This is Part 1 of 2. There are more than 30 transactions to report.

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