

Pacific Ethanol, Inc.
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FORM 4

**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 *
KOEHLER NEIL M

(Last) (First) (Middle)
5711 N. WEST AVENUE
(Street)

FRESNO, CA 93711

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Pacific Ethanol, Inc. [PEIX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/18/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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. 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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	04/18/2006		S	25,000 D	\$ 30	4,163,139	D
Common Stock	04/18/2006		S	1,000 D	\$ 30.0193	4,162,139	D
Common Stock	04/18/2006		S	19,000 D	\$ 30.04	4,143,139	D
Common Stock	04/18/2006		S	1,000 D	\$ 30.0641	4,142,139	D
Common Stock	04/18/2006		S	21,416 D	\$ 30.09	4,120,723	D

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Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	7,000	D	\$ 30.14	4,113,723	D
Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 30.1588	4,112,723	D
Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 30.1743	4,111,723	D
Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	3,000	D	\$ 30.19	4,108,723	D
Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 30.1915	4,107,723	D
Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 30.1919	4,106,723	D
Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 30.21	4,105,723	D
Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 30.2285	4,104,723	D
Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 30.2573	4,103,723	D
Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 30.308	4,102,723	D
Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	9,000	D	\$ 30.34	4,093,723	D
Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 30.3624	4,092,723	D
Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 30.3801	4,091,723	D
Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	2,000	D	\$ 30.39	4,089,723	D
Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 30.44	4,088,723	D
Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 30.4752	4,087,723	D
Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	11,000	D	\$ 30.49	4,076,723	D
Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 30.4968	4,075,723	D
Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	3,000	D	\$ 30.5	4,072,723	D
Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 30.5263	4,071,723	D
	04/18/2006	S	36,000	D	\$ 30.54	4,035,723	D

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Common Stock							
Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	3,000	D	\$ 30.55	4,032,723	D
Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 30.558	4,031,723	D
Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 30.5605	4,030,723	D
Common Stock	04/18/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 30.5775	4,029,723	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 Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KOEHLER NEIL M 5711 N. WEST AVENUE FRESNO, CA 93711	X	X	President and CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Neil M. Koehler
04/20/2006

__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).

Remarks:

This is Part 1 of 4. There are more than 30 transactions to report.

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