

Pacific Ethanol, Inc.  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 TURNER RYAN W

(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)  
 05/16/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 former Chief Operating Officer

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S	2,010	D \$ 36.16	22,989	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S	500	D \$ 36.17	22,489	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S	420	D \$ 36.18	22,069	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S	400	D \$ 36.2	21,669	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S	500	D \$ 36.26	21,169	D

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Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	100	D	\$ 36.27	21,069	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	1,499	D	\$ 36.28	19,570	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	400	D	\$ 36.29	19,170	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	400	D	\$ 36.3	18,770	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	800	D	\$ 36.35	17,970	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	400	D	\$ 36.36	17,570	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	3,200	D	\$ 36.4	14,370	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	100	D	\$ 36.41	14,270	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	540	D	\$ 36.43	13,730	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	800	D	\$ 36.44	12,930	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	1,260	D	\$ 36.45	11,670	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	900	D	\$ 36.51	10,770	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	100	D	\$ 36.52	10,670	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	700	D	\$ 36.54	9,970	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	700	D	\$ 36.57	9,270	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	300	D	\$ 36.58	8,970	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	2,050	D	\$ 36.6	6,920	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	450	D	\$ 36.61	6,470	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	700	D	\$ 36.63	5,770	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	800	D	\$ 36.64	4,970	D
	05/16/2006	S	1,409	D		3,561	D

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Common Stock						\$ 36.65		
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	1,611	D		\$ 36.68	1,950	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	600	D		\$ 36.7	1,350	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	150	D		\$ 36.73	1,200	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	900	D		\$ 36.78	300	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
TURNER RYAN W 5711 N. WEST AVENUE FRESNO, CA 93711				former Chief Operating Officer

## Signatures

/s/ Ryan W. Turner  
05/17/2006

\_\_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 3. There are more than 30 transactions to report.

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