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# FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Prince John L			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			Pacific Ethanol, Inc. [PEIX]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
400 CAPITOL MALL, #2060			12/09/2010	Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
SACRAMENTO,, CA 95814				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secui	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	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 or(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/09/2010		S	5,000	D	\$ 0.6502	171,042	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2010		S	3,900	D	\$ 0.761	167,142	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2010		S	5,000	D	\$ 0.77	162,142	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2010		S	5,000	D	\$ 0.8635	157,142	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2010		S	100	D	\$ 0.8556	157,042	D	
	12/13/2010		S	4,900	D		152,142	D	

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Common Stock					\$ 0.8554		
Common Stock	12/13/2010	S	2,900	D	\$ 0.8512	149,242	D
Common Stock	12/13/2010	S	2,100	D	\$ 0.8513	147,142	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)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Secur	ınt of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Prince John L 400 CAPITOL MALL, #2060 SACRAMENTO,, CA 95814	X						

# **Signatures**

/s/ John L. Prince	12/13/201		
**Signature of	Date		

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# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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