

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES CO  
Form 8-K  
August 31, 2011

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 25, 2011

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES COMPANY  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	1-13245 (Commission File Number)	75-2702753 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
5205 N. O'Connor Blvd., Suite 200, Irving, Texas (Address of principal executive offices)		75039 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (972) 444-9001

Not applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On August 25, 2011, James Kenneth (Ken) Thompson was appointed to the Board of Directors of Pioneer Natural Resources Company (the "Company") as a Class II director with a term expiring at the 2014 annual meeting of stockholders. Mr. Thompson will serve on the Board's Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Mr. Thompson will receive the standard non-employee director compensation for serving on the Board, including a pro-rated portion of the annual grant of restricted stock units, which will vest in quarterly increments until the next annual meeting of stockholders, as well as a grant of 1,763 restricted stock units that will vest in one-third increments each year over the next three years. In addition, effective August 25, 2011, the Company and Mr. Thompson entered into the Company's standard form of indemnification agreement for its non-employee directors, which requires the Company to indemnify each indemnitee to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law. For a description of the compensation program for the Company's non-employee directors and the Company's indemnification agreements, please see the Company's Proxy Statement for its 2011 annual meeting of stockholders, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 4, 2011.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES COMPANY

By: /s/ Frank W.  
Hall  
Frank W. Hall,  
Vice President and Chief  
Accounting Officer

Dated: August 31, 2011

