

PIONEER DRILLING CO
Form 8-K
August 04, 2005

**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 4, 2005**

PIONEER DRILLING COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-8182
(Commission File Number)

74-2088619
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1250 N.E. Loop 410, Suite 1000
San Antonio, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)

78209
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(210) 828-7689**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- **Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)**
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 - **Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))**
 - **Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))**
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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On August 4, 2005, we issued a press release announcing our results of operations for the first quarter of our fiscal year ending March 31, 2006. A copy of that press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated by reference herein.

We presented drilling margin information in the press release furnished as an exhibit to this report, which is a non-GAAP financial measure under Regulation G of the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. In the press release and in accordance with Regulation G, we included a reconciliation of drilling margin to net earnings, which is the nearest comparable GAAP financial measure. However, because drilling margin is not prescribed by GAAP, it is not necessarily comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. We included drilling margin in the press release because we believe drilling margin provides investors additional information to assist them in assessing our business and performance in comparison to other companies in the same industry.

The information pursuant to this Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated therein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release issued by Pioneer Drilling Company on August 4, 2005

SIGNATURE

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 DRILLING COMPANY

By: /s/ William D. Hibbetts
 William D. Hibbetts
 Senior Vice President and Chief Financial
 Officer

Date: August 4, 2005

EXHIBIT INDEX

No.	Description
99.1	Press release issued by Pioneer Drilling Company, dated August 4, 2005.