

PIONEER DRILLING CO
Form 8-K
November 18, 2009

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): November 18, 2009

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
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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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

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

From time to time, senior management of Pioneer Drilling Company (the Company) meets with groups of investors and business analysts. The slides attached to this report have been prepared in connection with management's participation in such meetings and participation in the Merrill Lynch Energy Conference on November 18, 2009. The slides provide an update on the Company's operations and expectations for 2009 and are included in Exhibit 99.1 to this report and are incorporated herein by reference. The slides are available on the Company's website at www.pioneerdrilg.com.

Safe Harbor Statement

Statements contained in Exhibit 99.1 to this report that state the Company's or its management's expectations and assumptions about future events are forward-looking statements intended to be covered by the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. It is important to note that the Company's actual results could differ materially from those projected or assumed in such forward-looking statements. Factors that could affect those results include, among others, those mentioned in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2009, June 30, 2009 and September 30, 2009, which have been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) *Exhibits.*

99.1 Slides for Company presentations to be used from time to time.

SIGNATURES

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

PIONEER DRILLING COMPANY

By: /s/ LORNE E. PHILLIPS
 Lorne E. Phillips
 Chief Financial Officer

Dated: November 18, 2009