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PIONEER DRILLING CO Form 8-K February 17, 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): February 17, 2011

PIONEER DRILLING COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas (State or other jurisdiction

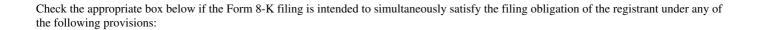
1-8182 (Commission 74-2088619 (I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

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1250 N.E. Loop 410, Suite 1000

San Antonio, Texas 78209 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (210) 828-7689



- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- " 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 February 17, 2011, we issued a press release announcing our results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2010. A copy of that press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated by reference herein.

The information in this Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be filed for 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 by reference therein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (d) Exhibits
- 99.1 Press release issued by Pioneer Drilling Company on February 17, 2011.

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/ Lorne E. Phillips Lorne E. Phillips

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 17, 2011

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EXHIBIT INDEX

No. Description

99.1 Press release issued by Pioneer Drilling Company on February 17, 2011.