

PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORP  
 Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

Amidon Daniel Willson  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
 08/17/2007

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORP [PETD]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer  Other  
 (give title below) (specify below)  
 General Counsel and Secretary

C/O PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, 120 GENESIS BLVD.

(Street)

BRIDGEPORT, WV 26330

(City) (State) (Zip)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Restricted Common Stock

2,800 <sup>(1)</sup>

D D

Restricted Common Stock

1,500 <sup>(2)</sup>

D 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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|---|---|--|--|--|---|
| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br><small>(Month/Day/Year)</small> | 3. Title and Amount of<br>Securities Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 5. Ownership<br>Form of<br>Derivative<br>Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect<br>Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|   | Date<br>Exercisable   | Expiration<br>Date   | Title  | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares   |   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                    |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                            | Other |
| Amidon Daniel Willson<br>C/O PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT<br>CORPORATION<br>120 GENESIS BLVD.<br>BRIDGEPORT, WV 26330 | ^             | ^         | ^ General Counsel and<br>Secretary | ^     |

## Signatures

/s/ Daniel W. Amidon                      08/27/2007

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) These shares vest 25% upon the passage of each year following July 2, 2007.
- (2) These shares vest on July 2, 2008.

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