Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

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1210-0089

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2016 and ending 12/31/2016

A This return/report is for:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan
- [ ] a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- [X] a single-employer plan
- [ ] a DFE (specify) ____

B This return/report is:
- [ ] the first return/report
- [ ] the final return/report
- [ ] an amended return/report
- [ ] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

D Check box if filing under:
- [X] Form 5558
- [ ] automatic extension
- [ ] the DFVC program
- [ ] special extension (enter description)

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
THE PDC ENERGY, INC. 401(K) & PROFIT SHARING PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 05/01/1987

2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)
Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)
PDC ENERGY, INC.

P.O. BOX 26
BRIDGEPORT, WV 26330

120 GENESIS BOULEVARD
BRIDGEPORT, WV 26330

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
95-2636730

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number
304-842-3597

2d Business code (see instructions)
211110

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/13/2017	CRYSTAL RAKOSKY
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

Preparer's name (including firm name, if applicable) and address (include room or suite number)

Preparer's telephone number

3a Plan administrator's name and address [X] Same as Plan Sponsor	**3b** Administrator's EIN	
	3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the name, EIN and the plan number from the last return/report:	**4b** EIN	
a Sponsor's name	**4c** PN	

5	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	464
6	Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines **6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a(1)	Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**6a(1)**	364
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	387
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	3
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	105
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	495
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	2
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	497
g	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	487
h	Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	18
7	Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)		**9b** Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)	
(1)	[ ] Insurance	**(1)**	[ ] Insurance
(2)	[ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	**(2)**	[ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3)	[X] Trust	**(3)**	[X] Trust
(4)	[ ] General assets of the sponsor	**(4)**	[ ] General assets of the sponsor

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- **(3)** [ ] **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary

b General Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **H** (Financial Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- **(3)** [ ] ___ **A** (Insurance Information)
- **(4)** [X] **C** (Service Provider Information)
- **(5)** [X] **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- **(6)** [ ] **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2016 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2016 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2016** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

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A Name of plan
THE PDC ENERGY, INC. 401(K) & PROFIT SHARING PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
PDC ENERGY, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
95-2636730

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. . . . . [X] Yes [ ] No

b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

STRATEGIC ADVISORS, INC.

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	ADVISOR	18904	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
37 60 64 65 71	RECORDKEEPER	6392	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]	0	Yes [X] No [ ]

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes [ ] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	**(c)** Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	**(d)** Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	**(e)** Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	**(f)** Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	**(g)** Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	**(h)** Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	**(c)** Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	**(d)** Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	**(e)** Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	**(f)** Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	**(g)** Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	**(h)** Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	**(c)** Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	**(d)** Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	**(e)** Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	**(f)** Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	**(g)** Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	**(h)** Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received $1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
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(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
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(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	**(b)** Nature of Service Code(s)	**(c)** Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)

(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	**b** EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	**e** Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	**b** EIN:
c Position:	
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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

DFE/Participating Plan Information

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B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
PDC ENERGY, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
95-2636730

Part I **Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)**
(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MIP CL 1

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans)

a Plan name

b Name of plan sponsor	**c** EIN-PN

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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Financial Information

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Part I Asset and Liability Statement

1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	1699353	1893635
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	1422102	2154959
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	634958	727677
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	289511	451830
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	0
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	42548584	50565043
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

			(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:			
	(1) Employer securities	**1d(1)**	4904630	5612973
	(2) Employer real property	**1d(2)**	0	0
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	**1e**	0	0
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	**1f**	51499138	61406117
	Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	**1g**	0	0
h	Operating payables	**1h**	0	0
i	Acquisition indebtedness	**1i**	0	0
j	Other liabilities	**1j**	0	3297
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	**1k**	0	3297
	Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	**1l**	51499138	61402820

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

	Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a	**Contributions:**			
	(1) Received or receivable in cash from: **(A)** Employers	**2a(1)(A)**	5197470	
	(B) Participants	**2a(1)(B)**	3722816	
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	**2a(1)(C)**	219459	
	(2) Noncash contributions	**2a(2)**	0	
	(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	**2a(3)**		9139745
b	**Earnings on investments:**			
	(1) Interest:			
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	**2b(1)(A)**	1001	
	(B) U.S. Government securities	**2b(1)(B)**	0	
	(C) Corporate debt instruments	**2b(1)(C)**	0	
	(D) Loans (other than to participants)	**2b(1)(D)**	0	
	(E) Participant loans	**2b(1)(E)**	27451	
	(F) Other	**2b(1)(F)**	0	
	(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	**2b(1)(G)**		28452
	(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	**2b(2)(A)**	0	
	(B) Common stock	**2b(2)(B)**	0	
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	**2b(2)(C)**	1550978	
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	**2b(2)(D)**		1550978
	(3) Rents	**2b(3)**		0
	(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	**2b(4)(A)**	1749981	
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	**2b(4)(B)**	1373617	
	(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	**2b(4)(C)**		376364
	(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	**2b(5)(A)**	0	
	(B) Other	**2b(5)(B)**	1437807	
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	**2b(5)(C)**		1437807

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		5868
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		2151552
c Other income	2c		0
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		14690766
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	4761776	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		4761776
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		-26
h Interest expense	2h		0
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	0	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)	18904	
(4) Other	2i(4)	6430	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)**	2i(5)		25334
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		4787084
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		9903682
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		0
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) [X] Unqualified **(2)** [ ] Qualified **(3)** [ ] Disclaimer **(4)** [ ] Adverse

b Did the accountant perform a limited scope audit pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and/or 103-12(d)? [ ] Yes [X] No

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: SCHNEIDER DOWNS & CO **(2)** EIN: 24-1408703

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) [ ] This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. **(2)** [ ] It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l.

During the plan year:

		Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	4a	X		1432
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	4b		X	

			Yes	No	Amount
c	Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	4c		X	
d	Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	4d		X	
e	Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	4e	X		1000000
f	Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	4f		X	
g	Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4g		X	
h	Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4h		X	
i	Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4i	X		
j	Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4j		X	
k	Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	4k		X	
l	Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	4l		X	
m	If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	4m		X	
n	If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3	4n		X	
o	Defined Benefit Plan or Money Purchase Pension Plan Only: Were any distributions made during the plan year to an employee who attained age 62 and had not separated from service?	4o			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No** **Amount:**

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	**5b(2)** EIN(s)	**5b(3)** PN(s)

5c If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (See ERISA section 4021.)? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined
If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year_____. (See instructions.)

Part V Trust Information

6a Name of trust	**6b** Trust's EIN

6c Name of trustee or custodian	**6d** Trustee's or custodian's telephone number

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Retirement Plan Information

This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

OMB No. 1210-0110

2016

This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2016 and ending 12/31/2016

A Name of plan
THE PDC ENERGY, INC. 401(K) & PROFIT SHARING PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
PDC ENERGY, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
95-2636730

Part I Distributions

All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions **1**

2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):

EIN(s): 04-6568107

Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year **3**

Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section of 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)

4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6 **a** Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) **6a**

b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **6b**

c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **6c**

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

Part III Amendments

9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ..... ☐ **Increase** ☐ **Decrease** ☐ **Both** ☐ **No**

Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under Section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.

10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

11 **a** Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify):

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of participants on whose behalf no contributions were made by an employer as an employer of the participant for:

a The current year	**14a**	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**14b**	
c The second preceding plan year	**14c**	

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**15a**	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	**15b**	

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	**16a**	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	**16b**	

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment. ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify):

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

20a Is the plan a 401(k) plan? If "No," skip b	☐ Yes ☐ No
20b How did the plan satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals under section 401(k)(3) for the plan year? Check all that apply:	☐ Design-based safe harbor ☐ "Prior year" ADP test ☐ "Current year" ADP test ☐ N/A
21a What testing method was used to satisfy the coverage requirements under section 410(b) for the plan year? Check all that apply:	☐ Ratio percentage test ☐ Average benefit test ☐ N/A
21b Did the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination requirements of sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) for the plan year by combining this plan with any other plan under the permissive aggregation rules?	☐ Yes ☐ No

22a If the plan is a master and prototype plan (M&P) or volume submitter plan that received a favorable IRS opinion letter or advisory letter, enter the date of the letter _____/_____/_____ and the serial number _____.

22b If the plan is an individually-designed plan that received a favorable determination letter from the IRS, enter the date of the most recent determination letter _____/_____/_____.

The PDC Energy, Inc. 401(k) & Profit Sharing Plan
Plan #: 001
EIN: 95-2636730
2016 Form 5500

Attachment to Schedule H (Form 5500) question 4a:

The Company has calculated and submitted the lost earnings due to the delinquent contributions.

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FORM 11-K

(Annual Report of Employee Stock Plans)

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 11-K

☑ ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the year ended: December 31, 2016

or

☐ TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from ___to ___

Commission file number 000-07246

A. Full title of the plan and address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

The PDC Energy, Inc. 401(k) & Profit Sharing Plan

B. Name of the issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

PDC Energy, Inc.

1775 Sherman Street, Suite 3000, Denver, Colorado 80203

REQUIRED INFORMATION

1. In lieu of the requirements of Items 1-3: audited statements and schedules prepared in accordance with the requirements of ERISA for the Plan's fiscal years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015.

Exhibit 23. Consent of Schneider Downs & Co., Inc., Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.

THE PDC ENERGY, INC. 401(k) & PROFIT SHARING PLAN AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015 AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Plan Administrator
The PDC Energy, Inc. 401(k) & Profit Sharing Plan
Bridgeport, West Virginia

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The PDC Energy, Inc. 401(k) & Profit Sharing Plan, which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Plan's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of The PDC Energy, Inc. 401(k) & Profit Sharing Plan as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2016, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report on Supplementary Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedules of delinquent participant contributions and assets held at end of year are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplemental information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. Such information is the responsibility of the Plan's management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Schneider Downs & Co. Inc.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
October 9, 2017

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Participants and Administrator of
The PDC Energy, Inc. 401(k) & Profit Sharing Plan
Bridgeport, West Virginia

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of The PDC Energy, Inc. 401(k) & Profit Sharing Plan (Plan) as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2016. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Plan is not required to, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the named fiduciary, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2016 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The supplemental information in the accompanying supplemental schedules of delinquent participant contributions for the the year ended December 31, 2016 and of assets (held at year end) as of December 31, 2016 have been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of the Plan's financial statements. The supplemental information is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but include supplemental information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement income Security Act of 1974. The supplemental information is the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the supplemental information reconciles to the financial statements or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the supplemental information. In forming our opinion on the supplemental information in the accompanying schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. In our opinion, the supplemental information in the accompanying schedules is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Schneider Downs & Co., Inc.
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
June 5, 2017

THE PDC ENERGY, INC. 401(k) & PROFIT SHARING PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
(in thousands)

	As of December 31,	
	2016	2015
Assets		
Investments, at fair value	$ 58,784	$ 49,165
Total Investments	58,784	49,165
Receivables:		
Employer contributions	1,894	1,699
Notes receivable from participants	728	638
Total Receivables	2,622	2,337
Total Assets	61,406	51,502
Liabilities		
Other	3	—
Total Liabilities	3	—
Net Assets Available for Benefits	$ 61,403	$ 51,502

See notes to financial statements.

THE PDC ENERGY, INC. 401(k) & PROFIT SHARING PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016
(in thousands)

Additions to net assets attributed to:		
Investment income:		
Interest and dividend income	$	1,558
Net appreciation in fair value of investments		3,966
Total investment income		5,524
Interest income on notes receivable from participants		27
Contributions:		
Participant contributions		3,723
Employer contributions		3,443
Employer contributions-profit sharing		1,755
Participant rollovers		219
Total contributions		9,140
Total additions		14,691
Deductions from net assets attributed to:		
Benefits paid to participants		4,765
Administrative expenses		25
Total deductions		4,790
Net increase		9,901
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of year		51,502
End of year	$	61,403

See notes to financial statements.

THE PDC ENERGY, INC. 401(k) & PROFIT SHARING PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2016

1 . DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of The PDC Energy, Inc. (the "Company") 401(k) & Profit Sharing Plan (the "Plan") is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the official Plan documents for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions. The plan was most recently amended as of January 4, 2016.

General
The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all Company employees who meet the eligibility requirements of the Plan. The plan also covers employees of the Company's subsidiaries. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA") and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Trustee and Recordkeeper
All of the Plan's assets are held by Fidelity Management Trust Company (FMTC) as trustee. FMTC also has participant account record keeping responsibilities.

Contributions
Each year, participants may make salary deferral contributions of up to 60% of their pretax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan, subject to statutory limitations. Participants in the Plan may also elect to make contributions to Roth salary deferral accounts, and make both regular and Roth rollover contributions to the Plan. The Plan also allows catch up contributions for participants who have reached age 50 by the end of the year, subject to statutory limitations.

The Company may make discretionary matching contributions in such amounts as may be determined by the Company's Board of Directors each plan year. In 2016, the Company matched 100% of each participant's contributions up to 10% of each participant's compensation and an additional 20% of each participant's contributions greater than 10% of each participant's compensation.

In addition, the Company may make discretionary profit sharing contributions on the participant's behalf in an amount to be determined by the Board of Directors at the end of the plan year. The Company elected to make a 2016 discretionary profit sharing contribution of $1,755,000, which is included in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. Currently, the Plan offers 24 mutual funds, including age appropriate managed funds, a managed income fund, a money market fund, and the Company's common stock as investment options for participants. Contributions to the Company's common stock investment option are limited to 20% of the total salary deferral contributions. Participants may change their investment election for current or future contributions, the percentage(s) invested in each of these options, or transfer funds among these options, on any business day.

Participant Accounts
Each participant's account is funded with the participant's salary deferral contributions, the participant's rollover contributions, the Company's discretionary matching contribution, allocations of the Company's discretionary profit sharing contribution, and Plan earnings. Allocations of earnings are based on participant earnings from investments. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting
Participant contributions, plus actual earnings thereon, vest immediately. Company contributions and related earnings vest based on years of service. Participants vest 25 percent after one year of service, 50 percent after two years of service, and are 100 percent vested after three years of service.

Notes Receivable from Participants
Participants generally may borrow from their accounts a minimum of $1,000, up to a maximum of $50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance, whichever is less. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions. The repayment period shall be no more than five years unless such note is for the purchase of a participant's primary residence, in which case the repayment period may not extend beyond ten years from the date of the note. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account and interest is set at the discretion of the Plan Administrator. Notes interest is set at the prime lending rate in effect at the loan origination date plus one percent. Interest during 2016 accrued at rates ranging from 4.25% to 6%.

Payment of Benefits
On termination of service for any reason, a participant or beneficiary may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account, or installments under a systematic withdrawal plan. In addition, age 59 1/2 withdrawals from all accounts, and in-service hardship withdrawals from a participant's deferral contributions account and match account, are also allowed. Rollover contributions may be withdrawn at any time.

Forfeitures
The Company's discretionary contributions that are not vested upon termination of employment are forfeited and may be used to reduce future Company contributions. At December 31, 2016 and 2015, the forfeited nonvested accounts totaled $28,500 and $3,800, respectively. For the year ended December 31, 2016, $48,300 of forfeitures was used to offset current year employer contributions.

2 . SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation
The Plan uses the accrual basis of accounting and the financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("US GAAP").

Use of Estimates
The preparation of financial statements in conformity with US GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes and supplemental schedules. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income
The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The retirement committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisors and custodian. The market value of the Company's common stock was based on the publicly traded price as of the last trade date of the year, December 31, 2016.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Notes Receivable from Participants
Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued and unpaid interest. Delinquent participant notes may be reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the plan document.

Administrative Expenses
Administrative expenses, including trustee, legal, auditing and other fees, are paid by the Company and, as such, are not expenses of the Plan. The amount reported as administrative expenses of the Plan are transactional fees charged to the participant's account, such as loan processing, expedited shipping fees, etc. Investment related expenses are included in net realized and unrealized change in fair value of investments.

Payment of Benefits
Benefits are recorded when paid.

Fair Value Measurements
The Plan's assets are measured at fair value pursuant to a fair value hierarchy that gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 financial instruments) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 financial instruments). A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

- *Level 1 Inputs* - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the plan has the ability to accept.
- *Level 2 Inputs* - Inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. These might include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability (such as interest rates, volatilities, prepayment spreads, credit risks, etc.) or inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.
- *Level 3 Inputs* - Unobservable inputs for determining the fair values of assets or liabilities that reflect assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the assets or liabilities.

Mutual funds : Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-ended mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Company common stock : Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the Company's common stock is traded.

Money market funds : Valued at the NAV of the shares held by the Plan at year-end.

The table below sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value as of December 31, 2016 and 2015: (in thousands)

	Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2016			
	(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)	Total
Company common stock	$ 5,612	$ —	$ —	$ 5,612
Money market	2,156	—	—	2,156
Mutual funds	50,564	—	—	50,564
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	58,332	—	—	58,332
Investments measured at net asset value (a)	—	—	—	452
Total investments at fair values	$ 58,332	$ —	$ —	$ 58,784

	Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2015			
	(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)	Total
Company common stock	$ 4,904	$ —	$ —	$ 4,904
Money market	1,423	—	—	1,423
Mutual funds	42,548	—	—	42,548
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	$ 48,875	$ —	$ —	$ 48,875
Investments measured at net asset value (a)				$ 290
Total investments at fair values	$ 48,875	$ —	$ —	$ 49,165

(a) In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that were measured at net asset value per share (or its equivalent) have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits.

Subsequent Events
The Plan administrator has evaluated subsequent events through the date of this report to ensure that the financial statements include appropriate disclosure or recognition of events that occurred subsequent to December 31, 2016. As of the date of this report, there are no subsequent events that are reportable.

3. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan, subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of termination, Plan participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

4. TAX STATUS

The Plan is documented on a volume submitter profit sharing plan with 401(k) features prepared by Fidelity Management and Research Company. The Plan has received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service dated March 31, 2014, that the form of the plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Company has not sought an individual determination letter for the Plan and is relying on

the opinion letter as to the Plan's tax qualification, as provided for in Revenue Procedure 2005-16. The Plan Administrator believes the Plan is operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code and has no income subject to unrelated business income tax. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statement.

5. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

6. RELATED PARTY / PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are shares of the Company's common stock. The Company is the Plan sponsor and therefore qualifies as a related party / party-in-interest. At December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Plan held an investment of 77,317 and 91,859 shares of the common stock of the Company, respectively. The fair value of the Company common stock held by the fund at December 31, 2016 and 2015 was $5,612,000 and $4,904,000, respectively.

Certain Plan investments are shares of mutual funds managed by FMTC. FMTC is the trustee as defined by the Plan, and therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

7. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of the assets available for benefits as included in the financial statements to Form 5500 as of December 31, 2016: (in thousands)

	2016
Net assets available for benefits - financial statements	$ 61,403
Less: deemed distribution of participant loans	(1)
Net assets available for benefits - Form 5500	$ 61,402

The following is a reconciliation of the notes receivable from participants as included in the financial statements to Form 5500 as of December 31, 2016: (in thousands)

	2016	2015
Notes receivable from participants - financial statements	$ 728	$ 638
Less: deemed distribution of participant loans	(1)	(3)
Notes receivable from participants - Form 5500	$ 727	$ 635

The following is a reconciliation of the Plan's benefits paid to participants as included in the financial statements to benefits paid to participants per Form 5500 as of December 31, 2016: (in thousands)

	2016
Benefits paid to participants - financial statements	$ 4,765
Plus: deemed distribution of participant loans	1
Benefits and deemed distribution paid to participants - Form 5500	$ 4,766

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EIN 95-2636730, PLAN 001
DECEMBER 31, 2016

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			
Check here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are included:	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
$ 1,432	—	—	—	$ 1,432

All employee payments which were remitted late to the Plan have been remitted to the Plan along with adjustments for the delay in transmittal.

THE PDC ENERGY, INC. 401(k) & PROFIT SHARING PLAN
FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
EIN 95-2636730, PLAN 001
DECEMBER 31, 2016

(a)	(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date and Rate of Interest	(d) Cost**	(e) Current Value
				(in thousands)
*	Fidelity Contrafund	Fidelity Contrafund Mutual Fund		$ 5,639
*	PDC Energy, Inc.	Company Common Stock		5,612
*	Fidelity Freedom 2030	Fidelity Freedom 2030 Mutual Fund		4,690
*	Fidelity Freedom 2025	Fidelity Freedom 2025 Mutual Fund		4,463
*	Fidelity Freedom 2020	Fidelity Freedom 2020 Mutual Fund		3,773
	Janus Enterprise	Janus Enterprise Mutual Fund		3,509
*	Fidelity US Bond Index	Fidelity US Bond Index Mutual Fund		3,216
*	Fidelity Total Market Index	Fidelity Total Market Index Mutual Fund - Investor Class		2,356
*	Fidelity Freedom 2045	Fidelity Freedom 2045 Mutual Fund		2,332
	ABF Large Cap Val INS	American Beacon Large Cap Value Mutual Fund		2,217
*	Fidelity Freedom 2050	Fidelity Freedom 2050 Mutual Fund		2,214
*	Fidelity Retirement Money Market	Fidelity Retirement Money Market		2,155
*	Fidelity Value	Fidelity Value Mutual Fund		2,040
	JPM US Small CO	JPMorgan U.S. Small Company Mutual Fund		2,025
*	Fidelity Freedom 2040	Fidelity Freedom 2040 Mutual Fund		1,949
*	Fidelity Balanced	Fidelity Balanced Mutual Fund		1,894
*	Fidelity Freedom 2035	Fidelity Freedom 2035 Mutual Fund		1,809
*	Fidelity International Discovery	Fidelity International Discovery Mutual Fund		1,657
*	Fidelity International Index	Fidelity International Index Mutual Fund - Investor Class		1,401
*	Fidelity Freedom 2015	Fidelity Freedom 2015 Mutual Fund		1,099
*	Fidelity Freedom 2055	Fidelity Freedom 2055 Mutual Fund		1,022
*	Fidelity Freedom 2010	Fidelity Freedom 2010 Mutual Fund		604
	Managed Income Portfolio	Managed Income Portfolio		452
*	Fidelity Freedom Income	Fidelity Freedom Income Mutual Fund		293
*	Fidelity Emerging Markets Index	Fidelity Emerging Markets Index Mutual Fund - Investor Class		255
*	Fidelity Freedom 2060	Fidelity Freedom 2060 Mutual Fund		106
*	Fidelity Freedom 2005	Fidelity Freedom 2005 Mutual Fund		1
*	PDC Energy, Inc. Stock Purchase Account	Money Market		1
				58,784
*	Notes Receivable from participants	Loans with maturities ranging from 1 month to 60 months and interest rates that range from 4.25% to 6%.		728
				$ 59,512

* Denotes party-in-interest to the Plan

** Historical cost is not required as all investments are participant-directed.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned authorized individual.

THE PDC ENERGY, INC. 401(k) & PROFIT SHARING PLAN

By: PDC Energy, Inc.
Plan Administrator

June 5, 2017

By: /s/ R. Scott Meyers

R. Scott Meyers

Chief Accounting Officer

Exhibit 23- Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (No. 333-137836) on Form S-8 of PDC Energy, Inc. of our report dated June 5, 2017, with respect to the statements of net assets available for benefits of The PDC Energy, Inc. 401(k) & Profit Sharing Plan as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related supplemental schedules of delinquent participant contributions for the year ended December 31, 2016 and of assets (held at year end) as of December 31, 2016, which reports appear in the December 31, 2016 Annual Report on Form 11-K of The PDC Energy, Inc. 401(k) & Profit Sharing Plan.

/s/ Schneider Downs & Co., Inc.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
June 5, 2017

The required Schedule of Assets is included in the Accountant's audit report attachment.