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Form 8-K

December 21, 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): December 19, 2005

Pioneer Natural Resources Company

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(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware  | 1-13245                     | 75-2702753                              |
| -----   | -----                       | -----                                   |
| (State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | (Commission<br>File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |

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| 5205 N. O'Connor Blvd., Suite 900, Irving, Texas | 75039      |
| -----  | -----      |
| (Address of principal executive offices)         | (Zip Code) |

(972) 444-9001

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable

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

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

On December 19, 2005, Pioneer Natural Resources Company (the "Company") issued a news release that is attached hereto as exhibit 99.1. In the news release, the Company announced that James L. Houghton has retired from its board of directors, effective December 19, 2005, having reached the Company's mandatory retirement age of 75 for board members.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 News Release dated December 19, 2005.

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S I G N A T U R E

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 NATURAL RESOURCES COMPANY

Date: December 20, 2005

By: /s/ Darin G. Holderness

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Darin G. Holderness  
Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No.<br>----- | Description<br>-----                  |
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| 99.1(a)              | News Release dated December 19, 2005. |

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(a) filed herewith

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