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Form 8-K

August 15, 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): August 10, 2005

Pioneer Natural Resources Company

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware | 1-13245 | 75-2702753 |
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| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer 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

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable

(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 August 11, 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 Frank A. Risch was appointed to the Company's board of directors as an independent Class I director. Mr. Risch was also appointed to the audit committee and the nominating and corporate governance committee of the board of directors. The appointments were effective August 10, 2005. There is no arrangement or understanding between Mr. Risch and any other persons pursuant to which Mr. Risch was selected as a director. There have been no transactions nor are there any currently proposed transactions to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries was or is to be a party that require disclosure under Rule 404(a) of Regulation S-K related to the appointment of Mr. Risch.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

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99.1 News Release dated August 11, 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: August 15, 2005

By: /s/ Darin G. Holderness

Darin G. Holderness
Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. ----- | Description ----- |
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| 99.1(a) | News Release dated August 11, 2005. |

(a) filed herewith

