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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

(Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT

TO § 240.13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO

§ 240.13d-2(a)

(Amendment No. 2)¹

PDF SOLUTIONS, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.00015 par value

(Title of Class of Securities)

693282105

(CUSIP Number)

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April 17, 2019

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§ 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box “.

Note: Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. *See* § 240.13d-7 for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

1 The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person’s initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be “filed” for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, *see* the *Notes*).

CUSIP NO. 693282105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

VIEX Opportunities Fund,
LP – Series One*

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER (a) OF A GROUP

(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC
CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING SHARES BENEFICIALLY POWER

- 0 -

OWNED BY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

EACH REPORTING 1,197,974

PERSON WITH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

1,197,974

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY
EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,197,974

12 CHECK BOX IF
THE AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ROW
(11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS
REPRESENTED BY
AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

3.7%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING
PERSON

PN

* This Series One is part of a series of VIEX Opportunities Fund, LP, a series limited partnership.

CUSIP NO. 693282105

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
	VIEX Opportunities Fund, LP – Series Two*
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) (b)
3	SEC USE ONLY
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS
	WC
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
	DELAWARE
NUMBER OF	7
SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	SOLE VOTING POWER
	- 0 -
	8
	SHARED VOTING POWER
	113,744
	9
	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	- 0 -
	10
	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

	113,744
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
	113,744
12	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
14	Less than 1% TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
	PN

* This Series Two is part of a series of VIEX Opportunities Fund, LP, a Delaware series limited partnership.

CUSIP NO. 693282105

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
	VIEX Special Opportunities Fund II, LP
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER (a) OF A GROUP (b)
3	SEC USE ONLY
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS
	WC
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
	DELAWARE
NUMBER OF	7
SHARES	SOLE VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY	- 0 -
OWNED BY	8
EACH	SHARED VOTING POWER
REPORTING	312,875
PERSON WITH	9
	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	- 0 -
	10
	SHARED DISPOSITIVE

POWER

11 312,875
AGGREGATE AMOUNT
BENEFICIALLY OWNED
BY EACH REPORTING
PERSON

12 312,875
CHECK BOX IF
THE AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ROW
(11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS
REPRESENTED BY
AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

14 Less than 1%
TYPE OF REPORTING
PERSON

PN

CUSIP NO. 693282105

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
	VIEX GP, LLC
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER (a) OF A GROUP (b)
3	SEC USE ONLY
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS
	AF
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
	DELAWARE
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7 SOLE VOTING POWER
	- 0 -
8	SHARED VOTING POWER
	1,311,718
9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	- 0 -
10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

1,311,718

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY
EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,311,718

12 CHECK BOX IF
THE AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ROW
(11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS
REPRESENTED BY
AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

4.0%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING
PERSON

OO

CUSIP NO. 693282105

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
	VIEX Special Opportunities GP II, LLC
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER (a) OF A GROUP (b)
3	SEC USE ONLY
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS
	AF
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
	DELAWARE
7	SOLE VOTING POWER
8	SHARED VOTING POWER
9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

- 0 -

312,875

- 0 -

POWER

11 312,875
AGGREGATE AMOUNT
BENEFICIALLY OWNED
BY EACH REPORTING
PERSON

12 312,875
CHECK BOX IF
THE AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ROW
(11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS
REPRESENTED BY
AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

14 Less than 1%
TYPE OF REPORTING
PERSON

OO

CUSIP NO. 693282105

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
	VIEX Capital Advisors, LLC
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER (a) OF A GROUP (b)
3	SEC USE ONLY
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS
	AF
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
	DELAWARE
7	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH
	SOLE VOTING POWER
	- 0 -
8	OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH
	SHARED VOTING POWER
	1,624,593
9	PERSON WITH
	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	- 0 -
10	PERSON WITH
	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

11 1,624,593
AGGREGATE AMOUNT
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY
EACH REPORTING PERSON

12 1,624,593
CHECK BOX IF
THE AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ROW
(11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS
REPRESENTED BY
AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

14 4.98%
TYPE OF REPORTING
PERSON

IA

CUSIP NO. 693282105

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON	
	Eric Singer	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP	(a)
		(b)
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS	
	AF	
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)	
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
	USA	
7	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	SOLE VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
8		SHARED VOTING POWER
		1,624,593
9		SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		- 0 -
10		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

11 1,624,593
AGGREGATE AMOUNT
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY
EACH REPORTING PERSON

12 1,624,593
CHECK BOX IF
THE AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ROW
(11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS
REPRESENTED BY
AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

14 4.98%
TYPE OF REPORTING
PERSON

IN

CUSIP NO. 693282105

The following constitutes Amendment No. 2 to the Schedule 13D filed by the undersigned (the "Amendment No. 2"). This Amendment No. 2 amends the Schedule 13D as specifically set forth herein.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

Item 3 is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

The Shares purchased by Series One were purchased with working capital (which may, at any given time, include margin loans made by brokerage firms in the ordinary course of business) in open market purchases, except as otherwise noted, as set forth in Schedule A, which is incorporated by reference herein. The aggregate purchase price of the 1,197,974 Shares beneficially owned by Series One is approximately \$11,503,527, including brokerage commissions.

The Shares purchased by Series Two were purchased with working capital (which may, at any given time, include margin loans made by brokerage firms in the ordinary course of business) in open market purchases, except as otherwise noted, as set forth in Schedule A, which is incorporated by reference herein. The aggregate purchase price of the 113,744 Shares beneficially owned by Series Two is approximately \$909,438, including brokerage commissions.

The Shares purchased by VSO II were purchased with working capital (which may, at any given time, include margin loans made by brokerage firms in the ordinary course of business) in open market purchases, except as otherwise noted, as set forth in Schedule A, which is incorporated by reference herein. The aggregate purchase price of the 312,875 Shares beneficially owned by VSO II is approximately \$2,709,267, including brokerage commissions.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Items 5(a)-(c) and (e) are hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

The aggregate percentage of Shares reported owned by each Reporting Person is based upon 32,595,723 Shares outstanding, which is the total number of Shares outstanding as of March 1, 2019 as reported in the Issuer's Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 8, 2019.

A. Series One

(a) As of the close of business on April 19, 2019, Series One beneficially owned 1,197,974 Shares. Percentage: Approximately 3.7%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 0
 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 1,197,974
 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,197,974

(c) The transactions in the Shares by Series One during the past sixty days are set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.

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B. Series Two

(a) As of the close of business on April 19, 2019, Series Two beneficially owned 113,744 Shares.
Percentage: Less than 1%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 0
 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 113,744
 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 113,744

(c) The transactions in the Shares by Series Two during the past sixty days are set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.

C. VSO II

(a) As of the close of business on April 19, 2019, VSO II beneficially owned 312,875 Shares.
Percentage: Less than 1%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 0
 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 312,875
 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 312,875

(c) The transactions in the Shares by VSO II during the past sixty days are set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.

D. VIEX GP

(a) VIEX GP, as the general partner of each of Series One and Series Two, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the (i) 1,197,974 Shares beneficially owned by Series One and (ii) 113,744 Shares owned by Series Two.
Percentage: Approximately 4.0%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 0
 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 1,311,718
 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,311,718

(c) VIEX GP has not entered into any transactions in the Shares during the past sixty days. The transactions in the shares on behalf of each of Series One and Series Two during the past sixty days are set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.

E. VSO GP II

(a) VSO GP II, as the general partner of VSO II, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the 312,875 Shares beneficially owned by VSO II.
Percentage: Less than 1%

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- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 0
 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 312,875
 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 312,875

(c) VSO GP II has not entered into any transactions in the during the past sixty days. The transactions in the Shares on behalf of VSO II during the past sixty days are set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.

F. VIEX Capital

- (a) VIEX Capital, as the investment manager of each of Series One, Series Two and VSO II, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the (i) 1,197,974 Shares beneficially owned by Series One, (ii) 113,744 beneficially owned by Series Two and (iii) 312,875 Shares beneficially owned by VSO II.

Percentage: Approximately 4.98%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 0
 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 1,624,593
 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,624,593

(c) VIEX Capital has not entered into any transactions in the Shares during the past sixty days. The transactions in the Shares on behalf of each of Series One, Series Two and VSO II during the past sixty days set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.

G. Eric Singer

- (a) Mr. Singer, as the managing member of VIEX GP, VSO GP II and VIEX Capital, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the (i) 1,197,974 Shares beneficially owned by Series One, (ii) 113,744 beneficially owned by Series Two, and (iii) 312,875 Shares beneficially owned by VSO II.

Percentage: Approximately 4.98%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 0
 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 1,624,593
 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,624,593

(c) Mr. Singer has not entered into any transactions in the Shares during the past sixty days. The transactions in the Shares on behalf of each of Series One, Series Two and VSO II during the past sixty days are set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.

(e) The Reporting Persons ceased to be the beneficial owner of 5% or more of the Shares of the Issuer on April 17, 2019.

Each Reporting Person, as a member of a “group” with the other Reporting Persons for the purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the Shares directly owned by the other Reporting Persons. Each Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of such Shares except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein.

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Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

Item 6 is hereby amended to add the following:

VSO II has sold short in the over-the-counter market American-style put options referencing an aggregate of 350,000 Shares, which have an exercise price of \$12.50 and expire on November 15, 2019, as further detailed on Schedule A hereto, which is incorporated by reference herein.

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: April 19, 2019

VIEX Opportunities Fund, LP
– Series One

By: VIEX GP, LLC
General Partner

By: /s/ Eric Singer
Name: Eric Singer
Title: Managing Member

VIEX Opportunities Fund, LP
– Series Two

By: VIEX GP, LLC
General Partner

By: /s/ Eric Singer
Name: Eric Singer
Title: Managing Member

VIEX Special Opportunities
Fund II, LP

By: VIEX Special
Opportunities GP II, LLC
General Partner

By: /s/ Eric Singer
Name: Eric Singer
Title: Managing Member

VIEX GP, LLC

By: /s/ Eric Singer
Name: Eric Singer
Title: Managing Member

VIEX Special Opportunities
GP II, LLC

By: /s/ Eric Singer
Name: Eric Singer
Title: Managing Member

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VIEX Capital Advisors, LLC

By: /s/ Eric Singer
Name: Eric Singer
Title: Managing Member

/s/ Eric Singer
Eric Singer

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SCHEDULE A

Transactions in the Shares During the Past Sixty Days

<u>Nature of the Transaction</u>	<u>Securities</u>	<u>Price Per Date of</u>
	<u>Purchased/(Sold) Share(\$)</u>	<u>Purchase / Sale</u>

VIEX opportunities fund, LP – Series one

Sale of Common Stock	(2,109)	12.3253 02/19/2019
Sale of May 2019 Call Option (\$7.50 Strike Price)	(458)	4.7000 03/06/2019
Sale of May 2019 Call Option (\$5.00 Strike Price)	(721)	6.9452 03/06/2019
Sale of Common Stock	(6,131)	13.5100 03/06/2019
Purchase of August 2019 Call Options (\$15.00 Strike Price)	2,539	0.4761 03/07/2019
Sale of May 2019 Call Option (\$5.00 Strike Price)	(1,406)	6.7000 03/07/2019
Sale of Common Stock	(9,667)	11.6715 03/07/2019
Purchase of August 2019 Call Options (\$15.00 Strike Price)	243	0.5855 03/29/2019
Sale of August 2019 Call Option (\$15.00 Strike Price)	(2,782)	0.8000 04/17/2019
Sale of Common Stock	(4,246)	13.5100 04/17/2019
Sale of Common Stock	(100,099)	13.1000 04/18/2019

VIEX opportunities fund, LP – Series two

Sale of Common Stock (238)	12.3253 02/19/2019
Sale of Common Stock (582)	11.8000 03/06/2019
Sale of Common Stock (918)	11.6715 03/07/2019
Sale of Common Stock (403)	13.5100 04/17/2019
Sale of Common Stock (9,505)	13.1000 04/18/2019

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VIEX SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND II, LP

Purchase of August 2019 Put Options (\$10.00 Strike Price) ¹	50	0.5000	02/19/2018
Sale of Common Stock	(655)	12.3253	02/19/2019
Purchase of August 2019 Put Options (\$10.00 Strike Price) ¹	1,100	0.5000	02/20/2019
Purchase of August 2019 Put Options (\$10.00 Strike Price) ¹	1,292	0.5000	02/25/2019
Purchase of August 2019 Put Options (\$10.00 Strike Price) ¹	2,159	0.5000	03/01/2019
Purchase of August 2019 Put Options (\$10.00 Strike Price) ¹	103	0.5000	03/04/2019
Purchase of August 2019 Put Options (\$10.00 Strike Price) ¹	202	0.5000	03/05/2019
Sale of May 2019 Call Option (\$5.00 Strike Price)	(169)	6.9452	03/06/2019
Sale of Common Stock	(1,602)	11.8100	03/06/2019
Sale of May 2019 Call Option (\$5.00 Strike Price)	(331)	6.7000	03/07/2019
Purchase of August 2019 Call Options (\$15.00 Strike Price)	598	0.4761	03/07/2019
Sale of Common Stock	(2,525)	11.6715	03/07/2019
Purchase of May 2019 Put Options (\$7.50 Strike Price) ¹	3,500	0.1000	03/15/2019
Purchase of August 2019 Put Options (\$7.50 Strike Price) ¹	2,252	0.2000	03/15/2019
Purchase of August 2019 Call Options (\$15.00 Strike Price)	57	0.5855	03/29/2019
Sale of August 2019 Call Options (\$15.00 Strike Price)	(655)	0.8000	04/17/2019
Sale of Common Stock	(1,109)	13.5100	04/17/2019
Sale of Common Stock	(26,142)	13.1000	04/18/2019
Short Sale of November 2019 Put Options (\$12.50 Strike Price)	(3,500)	1.2643	04/18/2019

¹ Represents a purchase to cover a short position