

PARKER ROBERT L JR
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 PARKER ROBERT L JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 PARKER DRILLING CO /DE/ [PKD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 5 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 100
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/01/2011

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 Executive Chairman

HOUSTON, TX 77046
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
401K Common Stock					78,200.9276 (1)	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock	03/01/2011		A		149,958	A	\$ 5.27
Common Stock	03/01/2011		F		39,718	D	\$ 5.27

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	03/01/2011		D	149,958	03/01/2011 ⁽²⁾ 03/01/2011	Common Stock 149,958

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PARKER ROBERT L JR 5 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77046			Executive Chairman	

Signatures

Robert L. Parker Jr
03/03/2011
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Shares of PKD common stock in 401(k) as of March 1, 2011.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of PKD common stock.

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