FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Typ	e Responses	s)																
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person - Rich Gary G				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PARKER DRILLING CO /DE/ [PKD]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 5 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 100				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/12/2018								X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chairman,President & CEO						
(Street)				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
HOUSTO!		(State)	(Zip)			Ta	ıble I -	- Non-I	Derivat	tive S	ecurities	Acquir				icially Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)			2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year	2A. Deemed Execution Date, r) (Month/Day/Yea		d Date, if	3. Transa Code (Instr. 8)		(A)		Securities Acqui) or Disposed of astr. 3, 4 and 5)		nired 5. Amount of S		Securities Beneficially ing Reported		wnership orm:	Beneficial Ownership
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Common S	Stock nmon Stock	·											999,4	187 05.09 (1)		I I	-	01(k)
1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction	Table II -		ts, ca	ılls, war	rants,	dis iired, I option	plays Dispose s, conv	d of, ertib	rently v or Benefi le securit	alid O	MB c	ed		9. Number of	10.	11. Natur
Derivative Security	Conversion		Execution Date, if		f Transaction Deriva Code Securit		ve es d (A) osed	Expira	ation Date th/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	p of Indirect Beneficia Ownershi (Instr. 4)		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exerci	isable	Expi Date	ration	Title		Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Phantom Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	03/12/2018		A		457,60	0	03/12	2/2019	03/1	12/2021	Comr		457,600	\$ 0 (2)	664,042	D	
Restricted Stock	<u>(3)</u>	03/12/2018		A		457,60	0	03/12	2/2019	03/1	12/2021	Comr		457,152	\$ 0 (3)	745,000	D	

Reporting Owners

B (1 0 N (41)	Relationships							
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Rich Gary G 5 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77046	X		Chairman,President & CEO					

Signatures

Gary G. Rich	03/14/2018
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 9, 2017.
- (2) Each phantom stock unit represents a contingent right to receive a cash amount equivalent to one share of PKD common stock.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of PKD common stock.

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