SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) March 15, 2005

Petroleum Development Corporation (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

<u>Nevada</u> (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 0-7246 (Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

95-2636730

<u>103 East Main Street; Bridgeport, WV</u> <u>26330</u> (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code <u>304-842-3597</u>

<u>no change</u> (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report Item 8.01. Other events of importance to security holders.

On March 15, 2005, the Company issued a news release announcing that it has added to previously announced natural gas and oil commodities options positions.

EXHIBIT INDEX

On March 15, 2005, the Company issued a news release announcing that it has added to previously announced natural gas and oil commodities options positions.

The news releases are filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

SIGNATURES

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.

Petroleum Development Corporation

Date March 15, 2005

By <u>/s/ Darwin L. Stump</u> Darwin L. Stump Chief Financial Officer