

PIMCO CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL INCOME FUND III
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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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 *
GROSS WILLIAM H

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PIMCO, 840 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE, SUITE 100

(Street)

NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
PIMCO CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL INCOME FUND III [PZC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/09/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 ____ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 See Remarks

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| COMMON STOCK | 12/09/2010 | | P | 42,864 | A \$ 8.65 | 193,664 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 12/10/2010 | | P | 19,400 | A \$ 8.5211 | 213,064 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | | | | | | 17,700 | I |

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- * 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) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were acquired in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$8.50 to \$8.55, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares acquired at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

Remarks:

The Reporting Person is the Co-Chief Investment Officer of Pacific Investment Management Company LLC (PIMCO) and is

Exhibit List: Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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