

BUFFINGTON THOMAS MATTHEW
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â BUFFINGTON THOMAS MATTHEW | | (Month/Day/Year) | PIMCO CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL INCOME FUND III [PZC] | |
| (Last) | (First) | 01/02/2019 | | |
| C/O PIMCO,Â 650 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street) | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| NEWPORT BEACH,Â CAÂ 92660 | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| (City) | (State) | | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| | (Zip) | | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |
| | | | (give title below) | (specify below) |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|---|--|---|
| Auction Rate Preferred Shares ⁽¹⁾ | 14 | I | By Dryden Capital Fund, LP ⁽¹⁾ |

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

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BUFFINGTON THOMAS MATTHEW C/O PIMCO 650 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Kevin Van Gorder, Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas Matthew
Buffington

01/14/2019

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Represents Auction Rate Preferred Shares held by Dryden Capital Fund, LP (the "Fund"). Dryden Capital LLC is the investment adviser of the Fund, and Dryden Capital GP, LLC is the general partner of the Fund. Mr. Buffington is the sole portfolio manager at Dryden Capital LLC and the managing member of Dryden Capital GP, LLC. Mr. Buffington disclaims any beneficial ownership of any of the Issuer's securities reported herein except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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Remarks:

Exhibit List: Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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