#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 8-K

#### CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): September 3, 2015

### PDL BioPharma, Inc.

(Exact name of Company as specified in its charter)

000-19756 (Commission File Number)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 94-3023969 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

932 Southwood Boulevard Incline Village, Nevada 89451 (Address of principal executive offices, with zip code)

(775) 832-8500

(Company's telephone number, including area code)

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# Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

#### Appointment of Paul R. Edick, Director

On September 3, 2015, the Board of Directors (the Board) of PDL BioPharma, Inc. (the Company) appointed Paul R. Edick as a Class III director of the Company. The appointment was effective immediately.

Mr. Edick, age 60, brings over 35 years of experience in the life sciences industry to the Board. Mr. Edick is currently managing partner of 3G Advisors, LLC, a consultancy to the pharmaceutical, healthcare and healthcare investor communities. He has extensive commercial experience and recently served as chief executive officer and a board member of Durata Therapeutics, Inc., positions which he held from July 2010 to November 2014. Prior to his term at Durata, Mr. Edick was chief executive officer of Ganic Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a Warburg Pincus investment search vehicle, from March 2008 to June 2010 and prior to that was chief executive officer at MedPointe Healthcare, Inc., a position he assumed in 2006 having been their president of pharmaceutical operations from April 2002. He also held a number of senior positions at GD Searle & Company, and at Pharmacia Corporation following its acquisition of the company, culminating in his appointment as Pharmacia's group VP and president, Asia Pacific/Latin America.

Mr. Edick holds a B.A. in Psychology from Hamilton College. Mr. Edick currently serves on the boards of directors for Neos Therapeutics, Inc., Circassia Pharmaceuticals plc and NewLink Genetics Corporation, all of which are public companies. He also serves on the board of directors of the private company Amerita, Inc.

In connection with Mr. Edick's appointment to the Board, on September 3, 2015, Mr. Edick received a restricted stock grant with a value equal to \$150,000 that will be based on the closing price of the Company's common stock on September 8, 2015. The restricted stock will vest on the first anniversary of the grant date so long as Mr. Edick continues to serve on the Board. During the vesting period, Mr. Edick has the right to vote the restricted stock and to receive any dividends or distributions paid on the restricted stock, except that dividends or distributions are accumulated and paid on the earlier of the vesting of the underlying stock in accordance with the vesting condition or March 15<sup>th</sup> of the year following the payment of such dividend or distribution. Mr. Edick will also receive the cash compensation payable to our non-employee directors for attendance at board and committee meetings pursuant to the Company's non-employee director compensation policy.

#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

On September 8, 2015, the Company issued a press release announcing Mr. Edick's appointment. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

 Exhibit No.
 Description

 99.1
 Press Release

#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

> PDL BioPharma, inc. (Company)

By: /s/ John P. McLaughlin John P. McLaughlin President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: September 8, 2015

#### EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.

99.1

Press Release

Description



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#### Paul Edick Joins PDL BioPharma's Board of Directors

INCLINE VILLAGE, Nev., September 8, 2015 -- PDL BioPharma, Inc. ("PDL") (NASDAQ: PDLI) today announced that Paul R. Edick has been appointed to the company's board of directors. Mr. Edick is currently managing partner of 3G Advisors, LLC, a consultancy to the pharmaceutical, healthcare and healthcare investor communities.

Mr. Edick brings over 35 years of experience in the life sciences industry to PDL. He has extensive commercial experience and recently served as chief executive officer and a board member of Durata Therapeutics, Inc., positions which he held from July 2010 to November 2014. Prior to his term at Durata, Mr. Edick was chief executive officer of Ganic Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a Warburg Pincus investment search vehicle, from 2008 to 2010 and prior to that was chief executive officer at MedPointe Healthcare, Inc., a position he assumed in 2006 having been their president of pharmaceutical operations from 2002. He also held a number of senior positions at GD Searle & Company, and at Pharmacia Corporation following its acquisition of the company, culminating in his appointment as Pharmacia's group VP and president, Asia Pacific/Latin America. Mr. Edick currently serves on the boards of directors for Circassia Pharmaceuticals plc, NewLink Genetics Corporation, and Neos Therapeutics, Inc. all of which are public companies. He also serves on the Board of the private company Amerita, Inc. Mr. Edick holds a B.A. in Psychology from Hamilton College.

"We are pleased to welcome Paul to our board of directors," stated John P. McLaughlin, president and chief executive officer of PDL. "Paul brings a wealth of commercial experience in the life sciences industry, and we will benefit from his knowledge and network as we continue to expand our portfolio of income generating assets. We have committed over one billion dollars in funding related to the portfolio that we have built and continue to seek top quality assets to add to our portfolio."

#### About PDL BioPharma, Inc.

PDL manages a portfolio of patents and royalty assets, consisting of its Queen et al. patents, license agreements with various biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies, and royalty and other assets acquired. To acquire new income generating assets, PDL provides non-dilutive growth capital and financing solutions to late-stage public and private healthcare companies and offers immediate financial monetization of royalty streams to companies, academic institutions, and inventors. PDL has invested approximately \$830 million to date. PDL evaluates its investments based on the quality of the income generating assets and potential returns on investment. PDL is currently focused on intellectual property asset management, acquiring new income generating assets and maximizing value for its shareholders.

PDL was founded in 1986 and is headquartered in Incline Village, Nevada.

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