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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Elkouri David S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
PETROHAWK ENERGY CORP  
[HK]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1000 LOUISIANA, SUITE 5600  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
04/01/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP-GENERAL COUNSEL, SECRETARY

HOUSTON, TX 77002

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

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/01/2011                           |  | G                              | V 5,000 D \$ 0  | 246,346 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/13/2011                           |  | G                              | V 5,000 D \$ 0  | 241,346   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/13/2011                           |  | G                              | V 1,000 A \$ 0  | 2,000   | I  | By Trust <sup>(2)</sup>           |
| Common Stock                    | 08/15/2011                           |  | G                              | V 5,000 D \$ 0  | 236,346   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/20/2011                           |  | U                              | 163,212 D \$ 38.75  | 0   | D  |                                   |

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|              |            |  |   |        |   |          |   |  |   |                 |
|--------------|------------|--|---|--------|---|----------|---|--|---|-----------------|
| Common Stock | 08/20/2011 |  | D | 73,134 | D | \$ 38.75 | 0 |  | D |                 |
| Common Stock | 08/20/2011 |  | U | 2,000  | D | \$ 38.75 | 0 |  | I | By Trust<br>(2) |
| Common Stock | 08/20/2011 |  | U | 1,500  | D | \$ 38.75 | 0 |  | I | By Spousal IRA  |
| Common Stock | 08/20/2011 |  | U | 11,815 | D | \$ 38.75 | 0 |  | I | By IRA          |

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 20.57   | 08/20/2011                           |  | D                              | 82,000  | (3) 02/23/2021   | Common Stock  | 82,000                        |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 21.18   | 08/20/2011                           |  | D                              | 67,200  | (3) 02/24/2020   | Common Stock  | 67,200                        |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 15.23   | 08/20/2011                           |  | D                              | 73,000  | (3) 03/02/2019   | Common Stock  | 73,000                        |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 18.08   | 08/20/2011                           |  | D                              | 36,000  | (3) 02/28/2018   | Common Stock  | 36,000                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                       | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| Elkouri David S<br>1000 LOUISIANA<br>SUITE 5600<br>HOUSTON, TX 77002 |               |           | EVP-GENERAL COUNSEL, SECRETARY |       |

## Signatures

David S. Elkouri                      08/23/2011

\_\_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) Includes 135 shares previously held indirectly through the reporting person's IRA and which are now owned directly.  
These shares are held in trust for the benefit of the reporting person's daughter. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of
- (2) these securities, and the filing of this report is not an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these securities for Section 16 or any other purpose.
- (3) This derivative security was cancelled pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger in exchange for a cash payment equal to the difference between the exercise price and \$38.75.

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