

PETROHAWK ENERGY CORP  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**HELM LARRY L**

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)  
 08/20/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP - Finance & Administration

HOUSTON, TX 77002

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	08/20/2011		U	301,565	\$ 38.75	0	D
Common Stock	08/20/2011		D	73,634	\$ 38.75	0	D

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 20.57	08/20/2011		D	83,500	(1) 02/23/2021	Common Stock 83,500
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 21.18	08/20/2011		D	67,200	(1) 02/24/2020	Common Stock 67,200
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 15.23	08/20/2011		D	73,000	(1) 03/02/2019	Common Stock 73,000
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 18.08	08/20/2011		D	73,000	(1) 02/28/2018	Common Stock 73,000
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 11.64	08/20/2011		D	60,000	(1) 03/02/2017	Common Stock 60,000
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 8.51	08/20/2011		D	125,000	(1) 01/26/2015	Common Stock 125,000
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 7.5	08/20/2011		D	75,000	(1) 07/12/2014	Common Stock 75,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HELM LARRY L 1000 LOUISIANA SUITE 5600 HOUSTON, TX 77002			EVP - Finance & Administration	

## Signatures

David S. Elkouri,  
Attorney-in-fact

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) This derivative security was cancelled pursuant 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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