

Dunlap Joan W  
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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 \*  
 Dunlap Joan W

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)  
 VP - Investor Relations

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 08/20/2011                           |  | U                              | 41,154  | \$ 38.75  | 0  | D  |
| Common Stock                    | 08/20/2011                           |  | D                              | 30,601  | \$ 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title Amount or Number of Shares                              |
| Stock Option (Right to buy)                | \$ 20.57   | 08/20/2011                           |  | D                              | 27,000  | (1) 02/23/2021   | Common Stock 27,000   |
| Stock Option (Right to buy)                | \$ 21.18   | 08/20/2011                           |  | D                              | 39,800  | (1) 02/24/2020   | Common Stock 39,800   |
| Stock Option (Right to buy)                | \$ 15.23   | 08/20/2011                           |  | D                              | 23,334  | (1) 03/02/2019   | Common Stock 23,334   |
| Stock Option (Right to buy)                | \$ 18.08   | 08/20/2011                           |  | D                              | 7,334   | (1) 02/28/2018   | Common Stock 7,334  |
| Stock Appreciation Right                   | \$ 11.64   | 08/20/2011                           |  | D                              | 15,000  | (1) 03/02/2017   | Common Stock 15,000   |
| Stock Option (Right to buy)                | \$ 10.23   | 08/20/2011                           |  | D                              | 5,500   | (1) 08/11/2016   | Common Stock 5,500  |
| Stock Option (Right to buy)                | \$ 14.07   | 08/20/2011                           |  | D                              | 20,000  | (1) 01/12/2016   | Common Stock 20,000   |
| Stock Option (Right to buy)                | \$ 8.51  | 08/20/2011                           |  | D                              | 5,000   | (1) 01/26/2015   | Common Stock 5,000  |
| Stock Option (Right to buy)                | \$ 7.99  | 08/20/2011                           |  | D                              | 15,000  | (1) 09/27/2014   | Common Stock 15,000   |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Dunlap Joan W  
1000 LOUISIANA  
SUITE 5600  
HOUSTON, TX 77002

VP - Investor Relations

## 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 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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