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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Elkouri David S Issuer Symbol PETROHAWK ENERGY CORP (Check all applicable) [HK] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title _ _ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 1000 LOUISIANA, SUITE 5600 04/01/2011 **EVP-GENERAL COUNSEL, SECRETARY** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

HOUSTON, TX 77002

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. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactionor Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	04/01/2011		G	V	5,000	D	\$ 0	246,346 (1)	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	
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
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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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		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	<u>(3)</u>	02/28/2018	Common Stock	36,000

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Elkouri David S 1000 LOUISIANA SUITE 5600 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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