

PETROHAWK ENERGY CORP  
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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)  
**02/28/2009**

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

**HOUSTON, TX 77002**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/28/2009		F(1)	2,490 D \$ 17.02	239,904	D	
Common Stock	03/02/2009		F(2)	3,645 D \$ 15.23	236,259	D	
Common Stock	03/02/2009		A	28,000 A \$ 0	264,259	D	

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.23	03/02/2009		A	73,000	03/02/2010 <sup>(3)</sup> 03/01/2019	Common Stock	73,000

## 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 03/03/2009

\*\*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) Represents shares withheld to satisfy withholding taxes applicable upon vesting of restricted stock grant.
- (2) Represents shares withheld to satisfy withholding taxes applicable upon vesting of restricted stock grant.
- (3) The stock options vest in three annual installments with 24,333 vesting on March 2, 2010, 24,333 vesting on March 2, 2011 and 24,334 vesting on March 2, 2012.

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