

PETROHAWK ENERGY CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
**CHRISTMAS JAMES 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)  
 12/10/2009

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Vice Chairman

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	10/16/2009		G	V 900 <sup>(1)</sup> D \$ 0	1,799,488	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2009		M	223,092 A \$ 2.54	2,022,580	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2009		M	148,161 A \$ 0.73	2,170,741	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2009		S	18,947 D \$ 21	2,151,794	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2009		S	301 D \$ 21.01	2,151,493	D	

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Common Stock	12/10/2009	S	315	D	\$ 21.02	2,151,178	D
Common Stock	12/10/2009	S	600	D	\$ 21.03	2,150,578	D
Common Stock	12/10/2009	S	300	D	\$ 21.045	2,150,278	D
Common Stock	12/10/2009	S	8,024	D	\$ 21.05	2,142,254	D
Common Stock	12/10/2009	S	1,000	D	\$ 21.06	2,141,254	D
Common Stock	12/10/2009	S	100	D	\$ 21.065	2,141,154	D
Common Stock	12/10/2009	S	4,100	D	\$ 21.07	2,137,054	D
Common Stock	12/10/2009	S	200	D	\$ 21.075	2,136,854	D
Common Stock	12/10/2009	S	3,410	D	\$ 21.08	2,133,444	D
Common Stock	12/10/2009	S	7,050	D	\$ 21.09	2,126,394	D
Common Stock	12/10/2009	S	19,200	D	\$ 21.1	2,107,194	D
Common Stock	12/10/2009	S	900	D	\$ 21.11	2,106,294	D
Common Stock	12/10/2009	S	1,700	D	\$ 21.12	2,104,594	D
Common Stock	12/10/2009	S	300	D	\$ 21.13	2,104,294	D
Common Stock	12/10/2009	S	200	D	\$ 21.15	2,104,094	D
Common Stock	12/10/2009	S	100	D	\$ 21.165	2,103,994	D
Common Stock	12/10/2009	S	1,200	D	\$ 21.17	2,102,794	D
Common Stock	12/10/2009	S	2,500	D	\$ 21.19	2,100,294	D
Common Stock	12/10/2009	S	12,200	D	\$ 21.2	2,088,094	D
Common Stock	12/10/2009	S	400	D	\$ 21.205	2,087,694	D
	12/10/2009	S	7,253	D	\$ 21.21	2,080,441	D

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Common Stock	12/10/2009		S	1,000	D	\$ 21.22	2,079,441 D
Common Stock	12/10/2009		S	21,900	D	\$ 21.23	2,057,541 D
Common Stock	12/10/2009		S	1,000	D	\$ 21.24	2,056,541 D
Common Stock	12/10/2009		S	2,200	D	\$ 21.25	2,054,341 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 Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.54	12/10/2009		M	223,092	<u>(2)</u>	02/20/2011	Common Stock	223,092
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.73	12/10/2009		M	148,161	<u>(3)</u>	01/01/2013	Common Stock	148,161

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CHRISTMAS JAMES W 1000 LOUISIANA	X			Vice Chairman

SUITE 5600  
HOUSTON, TX 77002

## Signatures

David S. Elkouri  
Attorney-in-fact 12/14/2009

\_\_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) Mr. Christmas contributed 900 shares to St. John's University.
  - (2) The option vested in two equal installments on February 20, 2002 and 2003.
  - (3) The option vested in three equal installments on January 1, 2004, 2005 and 2006.

### Remarks:

This report is one of two. The total number of shares sold by the reporting person on December 10, 2009 was 123,500.

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