#### PETROHAWK ENERGY CORP

Form 4

August 13, 2008

### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

| Trading  5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  CORP  (Check all applicable)   |
|---|
| X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)  |
| 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting |
|   |

| (City)   | (State)             | (Zip) Tab          | le I - Non-l | Derivative Securities Acqui | red, Disposed of, | or Beneficiall | y Owned      |
|----------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Title of | 2. Transaction Date | 2A. Deemed         | 3.           | 4. Securities Acquired (A)  | 5. Amount of      | 6.             | 7. Nature of |
| curity   | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if | Transactio   | or Disposed of (D)          | Securities        | Ownership      | Indirect     |
| str. 3)  |                     | anv                | Code         | (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)         | Beneficially      | Form:          | Beneficial   |

| Security<br>(Instr. 3) | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | omr Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or |     |               | Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|------------------------|------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|-----|---------------|---|---|---|
|                        |                  |   | Code V                            | Amount  | (D) | Price         | (Instr. 3 and 4)  |   |   |
| Common<br>Stock        | 08/12/2008       |   | P                                 | 1,000   | A   | \$ 27.01      | 1,000   | I   | By Trust  |
| Common<br>Stock        | 08/12/2008       |   | P                                 | 1,000   | A   | \$<br>27.0095 | 2,000   | I   | By Trust  |
| Common<br>Stock        | 08/12/2008       |   | P                                 | 1,300   | A   | \$ 27         | 3,300   | I   | By Trust  |
| Common<br>Stock        | 08/12/2008       |   | P                                 | 2,900   | A   | \$ 26.99      | 6,200   | I   | By Trust  |
| Common<br>Stock        | 08/12/2008       |   | P                                 | 1,500   | A   | \$ 26.98      | 7,700   | I   | By Trust  |

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| Common<br>Stock | 08/12/2008 | P | 200   | A | \$ 26.97 | 7,900  | I | By Trust |
|-----------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|--------|---|----------|
| Common<br>Stock | 08/12/2008 | P | 800   | A | \$ 26.96 | 8,700  | I | By Trust |
| Common<br>Stock | 08/12/2008 | P | 300   | A | \$ 26.95 | 9,000  | I | By Trust |
| Common<br>Stock | 08/12/2008 | P | 400   | A | \$ 26.8  | 9,400  | I | By Trust |
| Common<br>Stock | 08/12/2008 | P | 900   | A | \$ 26.79 | 10,300 | I | By Trust |
| Common<br>Stock | 08/12/2008 | P | 1,750 | A | \$ 26.78 | 12,050 | I | By Trust |
| Common<br>Stock | 08/12/2008 | P | 250   | A | \$ 26.74 | 12,300 | I | By Trust |
| Common<br>Stock | 08/12/2008 | P | 700   | A | \$ 26.81 | 13,000 | I | By Trust |
| Common<br>Stock |            |   |       |   |          | 64,897 | 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 | 2.          | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed         | 4.         | 5.         | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Title | e and    | 8. Price of |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|-------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| Derivative  | Conversion  | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if | Transact   | ionNumber  | Expiration D  | ate         | Amou     | int of   | Derivative  |
| Security    | or Exercise |                     | any                | Code       | of         | (Month/Day/   | Year)       | Under    | lying    | Security    |
| (Instr. 3)  | Price of    |                     | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e             |             | Securi   | ities    | (Instr. 5)  |
|             | Derivative  |                     |                    |            | Securities |               |             | (Instr.  | 3 and 4) |             |
|             | Security    |                     |                    |            | Acquired   |               |             |          |          |             |
|             | Ĭ           |                     |                    |            | (A) or     |               |             |          |          |             |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | Disposed   |               |             |          |          |             |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | of (D)     |               |             |          |          |             |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | (Instr. 3, |               |             |          |          |             |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | 4, and 5)  |               |             |          |          |             |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | , ,        |               |             |          |          |             |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            |               |             |          | Amount   |             |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            | Date          | Expiration  |          | or       |             |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            | Exercisable   | Date        | Title    | Number   |             |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            | Lacicisabic   | Date        |          | of       |             |
|             |             |                     |                    | Code V     | (A) (D)    |               |             |          | Shares   |             |

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## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

IRISH JAMES L
1700 PACIFIC AVENUE
SUITE 3300
DALLAS, TX 75201

# **Signatures**

David S. Elkouri, Attorney in Fact

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
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