

PETROHAWK ENERGY CORP  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**CHRISTMAS JAMES W**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**PETROHAWK ENERGY CORP  
 [HAWK]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1100 LOUISIANA, SUITE 4400  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/14/2006

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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    | 08/14/2006                           |  | P                              |   | 10,000  | A  | \$ 9.99                           |
| Common Stock                    | 08/14/2006                           |  | P                              |   | 5,000   | A  | \$ 9.97                           |
| Common Stock                    | 08/14/2006                           |  | P                              |   | 12,500  | A  | \$ 9.96                           |
| Common Stock                    | 08/14/2006                           |  | P                              |   | 9,300   | A  | \$ 9.95                           |
| Common Stock                    | 08/14/2006                           |  | P                              |   | 2,500   | A  | \$ 9.94                           |



## 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) These shares are held in trust for the reporting person's children, the beneficial ownership of which is disclaimed. This report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of the shares for purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.

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