

Cusack Charles E III  
Form 4  
February 26, 2010

# FORM 4

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

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1(b).

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Cusack Charles E III

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)  
02/24/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
Vice President - Exploration

HOUSTON, TX 77002

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ 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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                          | Amount                                                                                                             | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                     | Price                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 02/24/2010                              |                                                             | A                                    |                                                                            | 27,300                                                                                                             | A                                                                    | \$ 0                                    |
|                                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                            | 156,310                                                                                                            | D                                                                    |                                         |

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#### Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. D<br>S<br>(I        |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                                                            | (A)                                                            | (D)                                                                 |                        |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>buy)                | \$ 21.18                                                           | 02/24/2010                              |                                                             | A                                    |                                                                                                              | 56,000                                                         | <u>(1)</u> 02/24/2020                                               | Common<br>Stock 56,000 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                          | Relationships                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                         | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| Cusack Charles E III<br>1000 LOUISIANA, SUITE 5600<br>HOUSTON, TX 77002 | Vice President - Exploration     |

## Signatures

David S. Elkouri,  
Attorney-in-fact  
02/26/2010

\_\_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) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning February 24, 2011.

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