

Merriman Gary A
Form 4
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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
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Merriman Gary A

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)
08/20/2011

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

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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Person

(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 (2)	(A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	08/20/2011		U		62,184	D	\$ 38.75	0 D
Common Stock	08/20/2011		D		8,300	D	\$ 38.75	0 D
Common Stock	08/20/2011		U		7,500	D	\$ 38.75	0 I By IRA

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.68	08/20/2011		D	21,335	<u>(1)</u> 06/15/2015	Common Stock	21,335

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Merriman Gary A 1000 LOUISIANA SUITE 5600 HOUSTON, TX 77002		X		

Signatures

David S. Elkouri,
Attorney-in-fact

08/23/2011

__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) This derivative security was cancelled pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger in exchange for a cash payment equal to the difference between the exercise price and \$38.75.
- (2) A review of the reporting person's brokerage account holdings resulted in the discovery that the reporting person's common stock holdings have been overstated by one share. Accordingly, the reporting person's common stock holdings have been reduced by one share.

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