

Charboneau C Byron  
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 \*  
Charboneau C Byron

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)  
03/21/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP, CAO and Controller

HOUSTON, TX 77002

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

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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	03/21/2011		M	20,000 A \$ 14.07	80,642	D	
Common Stock	03/21/2011		M	7,500 A \$ 10.23	88,142	D	
Common Stock	03/21/2011		S	17,417 D \$ 22.7031	70,725	D	
Common Stock	03/21/2011		S	2,583 D \$ 22.6715	68,142	D	
Common Stock	03/21/2011		S	7,500 D \$ 22.658	60,642	D	

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Common Stock	03/21/2011	M	10,000	A	\$ 11.64	70,642	D
Common Stock	03/21/2011	D	6,411	D	\$ 22.73	64,231	D
Common Stock	03/22/2011	S	3,589	D	\$ 22.5721	60,642	D
Common Stock	03/22/2011	S	4,671	D	\$ 22.56	55,971	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.07	03/21/2011		M	20,000	01/12/2009 <sup>(1)</sup> 01/12/2016	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.23	03/21/2011		M	7,500	08/11/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> 08/11/2016	Common Stock
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 11.64	03/21/2011		M	10,000	03/02/2010 <sup>(3)</sup> 03/02/2017	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Charboneau C Byron 1000 LOUISIANA, SUITE 5600 HOUSTON, TX 77002			VP, CAO and Controller	

## Signatures

David. S. Elkouri,  
Attorney-in-fact

03/23/2011

\_\_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) The option vested in three equal annual installments beginning January 12, 2007.
- (2) The option vested in three equal annual installments beginning August 11, 2007.
- (3) The stock appreciation right vested in three equal annual installments beginning March 2, 2008.

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