

Cusack Charles E III  
 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 \*  
 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)  
 08/20/2011

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

HOUSTON, TX 77002  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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**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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	08/20/2011		U		\$ 128,784 (2) 38.75	0	D
Common Stock	08/20/2011		D		\$ 53,367 38.75	0	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 20.57	08/20/2011		D	60,000	(1) 02/23/2021	Common Stock 60,000
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 21.18	08/20/2011		D	56,000	(1) 02/24/2020	Common Stock 56,000
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 15.23	08/20/2011		D	35,000	(1) 03/02/2019	Common Stock 35,000
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 18.08	08/20/2011		D	11,800	(1) 02/28/2018	Common Stock 11,800
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 11.64	08/20/2011		D	16,000	(1) 03/02/2017	Common Stock 16,000
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 10.23	08/20/2011		D	16,900	(1) 08/11/2016	Common Stock 16,900
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 14.07	08/20/2011		D	40,000	(1) 01/12/2016	Common Stock 40,000
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 8.51	08/20/2011		D	25,000	(1) 01/26/2015	Common Stock 25,000
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 7.5	08/20/2011		D	25,000	(1) 07/12/2014	Common Stock 25,000

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Cusack Charles E III  
1000 LOUISIANA, SUITE 5600  
HOUSTON, TX 77002

Vice President - Exploration

## 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 per the Agreement and Plan of Merger in exchange for a cash payment equal to the difference between the exercise price and \$38.75.

- A review of the reporting person's brokerage account holdings resulted in the discovery that the reporting person's common stock
- (2) holdings have been overstated by 467 shares. Accordingly, the reporting person's common stock holdings have been reduced by 467 shares.

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