

Elkouri David S  
 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 \*  
 Elkouri David S

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)  
 02/28/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP-GENERAL COUNSEL, SECRETARY

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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(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	02/28/2009		F <sup>(1)</sup>		1,146	D	\$ 17.02
Common Stock	03/02/2009		A		28,000	A	\$ 0
Common Stock					1,000	I	
Common Stock					1,500	I	
Common Stock					11,950	I	

By Trust  
 (3)

By Spousal IRA

By IRA

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.23	03/02/2009		A	73,000	03/02/2010 <sup>(4)</sup> 03/01/2019	Common Stock	73,000

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Elkouri David S  
1000 LOUISIANA  
SUITE 5600  
HOUSTON, TX 77002

Director 10% Owner Officer

EVP-GENERAL COUNSEL, SECRETARY

Other

## Signatures

David S. Elkouri 03/03/2009

\*\*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) Represents shares withheld to satisfy withholding taxes applicable upon vesting of restricted stock grant.

(2) Includes 150 shares previously held indirectly through the reporting person's IRA and which are now owned directly.

(3) These shares are held in trust for the benefit of the reporting person's daughter. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and the filing of this report is not an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these securities for the purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.

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The stock options vest in three annual installments with 24,333 vesting on March 2, 2010, 24,333 vesting on March 2, 2011 and 24,334 vesting on March 2, 2012.

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