

Dunlap Joan W  
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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 \*  
 Dunlap Joan W

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)  
 11/09/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP - Investor Relations

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	11/09/2010		M	14,666 A \$ 18.08	75,417	D	
Common Stock	11/09/2010		M	11,666 A \$ 15.23	87,083	D	
Common Stock	11/09/2010		S	14,235 D \$ 18.8947	72,848	D	
Common Stock	11/09/2010		S	10,283 D \$ 18.7264	62,565	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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.08	11/09/2010		M	14,666	<u>(1)</u> 02/28/2018	Common Stock	14,666	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.23	11/09/2010		M	11,666	<u>(2)</u> 03/02/2019	Common Stock	11,666	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Dunlap Joan W 1000 LOUISIANA SUITE 5600 HOUSTON, TX 77002			VP - Investor Relations	

## Signatures

David S. Elkouri,  
Attorney-in-fact

11/12/2010

\_\_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 28, 2009.

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(2) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning March 2, 2010.

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