

Latch Charles W  
 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 \*  
 Latch Charles 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)  
 02/17/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr VP - Western Region

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	02/17/2009		M		17,618	A	11
Common Stock					781	I	Through 401(k)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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- (7) Each performance share represented a contingent right to receive issuer common stock. The reporting person earned 200% of 8,809 shares upon the achievement of pre-determined objectives over a three year period.

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