

PETROHAWK ENERGY CORP  
Form 8-K  
September 13, 2007

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 10, 2007

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**PETROHAWK ENERGY CORPORATION**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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| <b>Delaware</b><br>(State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation or organization) | <b>000-25717</b><br>Commission<br>File Number | <b>86-0876964</b><br>(I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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**1000 Louisiana, Suite 5600**  
**Houston, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**77002**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (832) 204-2700**

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

On September 10, 2007, William N. Hahne, Executive Vice President- Chief Operating Officer of Petrohawk Energy Corporation ( Petrohawk ), announced his retirement effective October 1, 2007. Richard K. Stoneburner, currently Petrohawk s Executive Vice President- Exploration, has been appointed Petrohawk s Executive Vice President- Chief Operating Officer effective upon the date of Mr. Hahne s departure.

Mr. Stoneburner, age 53, has served as Executive Vice President Exploration since August 1, 2005. Mr. Stoneburner served as Vice President Exploration from May 25, 2004 until August 1, 2005. Prior to joining Petrohawk, he was employed by PHAWK, LLC from its formation in June 2003 until May 2004. He joined 3TEC Energy Corporation ( 3TEC ) in August 1999 and was its Vice President Exploration from December 1999 until its merger with Plains Exploration & Production Company in June 2003. Mr. Stoneburner was employed by W/ E Energy Company as District Geologist from 1998 to 1999. Prior to joining 3TEC, Mr. Stoneburner worked as a geologist for Texas Oil & Gas, The Reach Group, Weber Energy Corporation, Hugoton Energy Corporation and, independently through his own company, Stoneburner Exploration, Inc. Mr. Stoneburner has over 30 years of experience in the energy business.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Petrohawk has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

PETROHAWK ENERGY CORPORATION

Date: September 13, 2007

By: /s/ Mark J. Mize  
Mark J. Mize  
Executive Vice President-Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer