Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6047(e), and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2009 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2009 and ending 12/31/2009

A This return/report is for:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan;
- [ ] a multiple-employer plan; or
- [X] a single-employer plan;
- [ ] a DFE (specify) ____

B This return/report is:
- [ ] the first return/report;
- [ ] the final return/report;
- [ ] an amended return/report;
- [ ] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months).

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

D Check box if filing under:
- [ ] Form 5558;
- [ ] automatic extension;
- [ ] the DFVC program;
- [ ] special extension (enter description)

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
PETROHAWK ENERGY CORPORATION 401K PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2004

2a Plan sponsor's name and address (employer, if for a single-employer plan) (Address should include room or suite no.)
PETROHAWK ENERGY CORPORATION

1000 LOUISIANA, STE 5600
HOUSTON, TX 77002

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
86-0876964

2c Sponsor's telephone number
832-204-2700

2d Business code (see instructions)
424700

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	07/29/2010	KELLY WALKER
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address (if same as plan sponsor, enter "Same")
PETROHAWK ENERGY CORPORATION

1000 LOUISIANA, STE 5600
HOUSTON, TX 77002

3b Administrator's EIN
86-0876964

3c Administrator's telephone number
832-204-2700

4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the name, EIN and the plan number from the last return/report:

a Sponsor's name

4b EIN

4c PN

5	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	462
6	Number of participants as of the end of the plan year (welfare plans complete only lines **6a, 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a	Active participants	**6a**	424
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	0
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	74
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a**, **6b**, and **6c**	**6d**	498
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits	**6e**	0
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**	**6f**	498
g	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	435
h	Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	21
7	Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:
2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)

(1)	X	Insurance
(2)		Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3)	X	Trust
(4)		General assets of the sponsor

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

(1)	X	Insurance
(2)		Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3)	X	Trust
(4)		General assets of the sponsor

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

(1)	X	**R** (Retirement Plan Information)
(2)		**MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
(3)		**SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary

b General Schedules

(1)	X		**H** (Financial Information)
(2)			**I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
(3)	X	1	**A** (Insurance Information)
(4)	X		**C** (Service Provider Information)
(5)	X		**D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
(6)			**G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Insurance Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).

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A Name of plan
PETROHAWK ENERGY CORPORATION 401K PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500.
PETROHAWK ENERGY CORPORATION

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
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Part I **Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions** Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
JOHN HANCOCK USA

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year (f) From	Policy or contract year (g) To
01-0233346	65838	29976	475	01/01/2009	12/31/2009

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in item 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
38290	17083

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
OPPENHEIMER LIFE AGENCY, LTD

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid (c) Amount	Fees and other commissions paid (d) Purpose	(e) Organization code
38290	0		3

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
NOWIEJSKI 401K ASSOCIATES
10777 NORTHWEST, STE. 440
HOUSTON, TX 77092

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid (c) Amount	Fees and other commissions paid (d) Purpose	(e) Organization code
	17074	TPA FEES	5

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

BLACKROCK INVESTMENTS MANAGEMENT

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		**(e)** Organization code
	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	
	9	REDEMPTION FEES	6

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		**(e)** Organization code
	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

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	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end	5	21791534

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b	Premiums paid to carrier	6b	
c	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	6c	
d	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. Specify nature of costs ▶	6d	

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity (3) ☐ other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan check here ▶ ☐

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee (3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☐ other ▶

b	Balance at the end of the previous year			7b	
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)			
	(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)			
	(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)			
	(4) Transferred from separate account	7c(4)			
	(5) Other (specify below) ▶	7c(5)			
	(6) Total additions			7c(6)	0
d	Total of balance and additions (add **b** and **c(6)**)			7d	0
e	Deductions:				
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)			
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)			
	(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3)			
	(4) Other (specify below) ▶	7e(4)			
	(5) Total deductions			7e(5)	0
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract **e(5)** from **d**)			7f	0

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organization(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- **a** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)
- **b** ☐ Dental
- **c** ☐ Vision
- **d** ☐ Life insurance
- **e** ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
- **f** ☐ Long-term disability
- **g** ☐ Supplemental unemployment
- **h** ☐ Prescription drug
- **i** ☐ Stop loss (large deductible)
- **j** ☐ HMO contract
- **k** ☐ PPO contract
- **l** ☐ Indemnity contract
- **m** ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:				
a Premiums: (1) Amount received	**9a(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	**9a(2)**			
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	**9a(3)**			
(4) Earned (**(1)** + **(2)** - **(3)**)			**9a(4)**	0
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	**9b(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	**9b(2)**			
(3) Incurred claims (add **(1)** and **(2)**)			**9b(3)**	0
(4) Claims charged			**9b(4)**	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --				
(A) Commissions	**9c(1)(A)**			
(B) Administrative service or other fees	**9c(1)(B)**			
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	**9c(1)(C)**			
(D) Other expenses	**9c(1)(D)**			
(E) Taxes	**9c(1)(E)**			
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	**9c(1)(F)**			
(G) Other retention charges	**9c(1)(G)**			
(H) Total retention			**9c(1)(H)**	0
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.)			**9c(2)**	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement			**9d(1)**	
(2) Claim reserves			**9d(2)**	
(3) Other reserves			**9d(3)**	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in **c(2)**.)			**9e**	
10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:				
a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier			**10a**	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, item 2 above, report amount.			**10b**	

Specify nature of costs ▶

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? ☒ Yes ☐ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

ADDRESS INFORMATION FOR QUESTION 3

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2009** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

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A Name of plan
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B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
PETROHAWK ENERGY CORPORATION

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
86-0876964

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. . . . . ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	**(c)** Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	**(d)** Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	**(e)** Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	**(f)** Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	**(g)** Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	**(h)** Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	**(c)** Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	**(d)** Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	**(e)** Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	**(f)** Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	**(g)** Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	**(h)** Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	**(c)** Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	**(d)** Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	**(e)** Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	**(f)** Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	**(g)** Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	**(h)** Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	**(c)** Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	**(d)** Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	**(e)** Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	**(f)** Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	**(g)** Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	**(h)** Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	**(c)** Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	**(d)** Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	**(e)** Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	**(f)** Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	**(g)** Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	**(h)** Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3 If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received $1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

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(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	**(b)** Nature of Service Code(s)	**(c)** Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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Part III **Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)**
(complete as many entries as needed)

a	Name: DELOITTE & TOUCHE, L.L.P.	**b** EIN:	13-3891517
c	Position: ACCOUNTANT		
d	Address: 1111 BAGBY STREET, SUITE 4500 HOUSTON, TX 77002	**e** Telephone:	713-982-2000

Explanation: WANTED A REGIONAL ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE AUDIT.

a	Name:	**b** EIN:	
c	Position:		
d	Address:	**e** Telephone:	

Explanation:

a	Name:	**b** EIN:	
c	Position:		
d	Address:	**e** Telephone:	

Explanation:

a	Name:	**b** EIN;	
c	Position:		
d	Address:	**e** Telephone:	

Explanation:

a	Name:	**b** EIN;	
c	Position:		
d	Address:	**e** Telephone:	

Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)

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DFE/Participating Plan Information

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PETROHAWK ENERGY CORPORATION

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
86-0876964

Part I Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: LIFECYCLE 2045

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
01-0233346-000	P	62379

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: LIFECYCLE 2040

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
01-0233346-000	P	80041

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: LIFECYCLE 2035

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
01-0233346-000	P	89415

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: LIFECYCLE 2030

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
01-0233346-000	P	53710

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: LIFECYCLE 2025

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
01-0233346-000	P	190663

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: LIFECYCLE 2020

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
01-0233346-000	P	57019

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: LIFECYCLE 2015

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
01-0233346-000	P	135665

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: LIFECYCLE 2010

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 16268

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: LIFESTYLE AGGRESSIVE

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 915432

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: LIFESTYLE GROWTH

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2636073

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: LIFESTYLE BALANCED

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3599957

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: LIFESTYLE MODERATE

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1510830

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: LIFESTYLE CONSERVATIVE

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 172779

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INTL SMALL CAP FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 424560

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INTERNATIONAL OPPS FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 224794

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SMALL CAP INDEX FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 142312

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AIM SMALL CAP GROWTH

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 138713

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INTERNATIONAL VALUE FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	849704
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MID CAP STOCK FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	580841
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: EUROPACIFIC GROWTH FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	388656
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SMALL CAP VALUE FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	68962
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MID VALUE FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	668864
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SMALL COMPANY VALUE FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	495217
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MID CAP INDEX FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	220290
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLUE CHIP GROWTH FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	554691
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: THE GROWTH FUND OF AMERICA			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	1078993
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: EQUITY INCOME FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	686980

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: 500 INDEX FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	497478
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: WASHINGTON MUTUAL INVESTORS			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	593572
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLACKROCK GLOBAL ALLOCATION			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	346283
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TOTAL RETURN FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	414710
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INVESTMENT QUAL BOND FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	257021
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: HIGH YIELD FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	503489
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: STRATEGIC BOND FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	420454
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MONEY MARKET FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	2714718
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: LIFECYCYLE RETIREMENT			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	0
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: ROYCE OPPORTUNITY			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	0

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: GLOBAL ALLOCATION FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: EMERGING SMALL CO FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MID CV

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans)

a Plan name

b Name of plan sponsor	**c** EIN-PN

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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Financial Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

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2009

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For calendar plan year 2009 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2009 and ending 12/31/2009

A Name of plan
PETROHAWK ENERGY CORPORATION 401K PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
PETROHAWK ENERGY CORPORATION

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
86-0876964

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	1777	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		14762
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		10
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	11601331	21791534
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

			(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:			
	(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
	(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	11603108	21806306
	Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g		
h	Operating payables	1h		
i	Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j	Other liabilities	1j		7300
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	0	7300
	Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	11603108	21799006

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

	Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a	**Contributions:**			
	(1) Received or receivable in cash from: **(A)** Employers	2a(1)(A)	3193232	
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	3500261	
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	149045	
	(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
	(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		6842538
b	**Earnings on investments:**			
	(1) Interest:			
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
	(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
	(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
	(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
	(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)		
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
	(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		0
	(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
	(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)		
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		0
	(3) Rents	2b(3)		
	(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
	(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
2b (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		0
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		4178922
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		11021460
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	823523	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		823523
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	2039	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)	2i(5)		2039
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		825562
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		10195898
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) [ ] Unqualified (2) [ ] Qualified (3) [X] Disclaimer (4) [ ] Adverse

b Did the accountant perform a limited scope audit pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and/or 103-12(d)? [X] Yes [ ] No

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: UHY LLP (2) EIN: 20-0694403

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) [ ] This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. (2) [ ] It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete 4l.

During the plan year:

		Yes	No	Amount
a	Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	4a		X	
b	Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	4b		X	
c	Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	4c		X	
d	Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	4d		X	
e	Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	4e	X		1000000
f	Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	4f		X	
g	Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4g		X	
h	Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4h		X	
i	Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4i	X		
j	Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4j		X	
k	Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	4k		X	
l	Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	4l		X	
m	If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	4m		X	
n	If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	4n			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? If yes, enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No** **Amount:**

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	**5b(2)** EIN(s)	**5b(3)** PN(s)

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Retirement Plan Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

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OMB No. 1210-0110

2009

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For calendar plan year 2009 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2009 and ending 12/31/2009

A Name of plan
PETROHAWK ENERGY CORPORATION 401K PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
PETROHAWK ENERGY CORPORATION

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
86-0876964

Part I Distributions

All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions **1** 0

2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):

EIN(s): 01-0233346

Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year. **3**

Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section of 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part)

4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6 **a** Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year **6a**

b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **6b**

c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **6c**

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

Part III Amendments

9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box(es). If no, check the "No" box. ..... ☐ **Increase** ☐ **Decrease** ☐ **Both** ☐ **No**

Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under Section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.

10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

11 **a** Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify):

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify):

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify):

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify):

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify):

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify):

14 Enter the number of participants on whose behalf no contributions were made by an employer as an employer of the participant for:

a The current year	**14a**	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**14b**	
c The second preceding plan year	**14c**	

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**15a**	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	**15b**	

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	**16a**	
b If item 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	**16b**	

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment. ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete items (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate item 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify):

Petrohawk Energy Corporation 401(k) Plan

Financial Statements as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and for the Year Ended December 31, 2009, Supplemental Schedule as of December 31, 2009, and Independent Auditors' Report

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NOTE: All other schedules required by Section 2520.103-10 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 have been omitted because they are not applicable.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Plan Administrator of
Petrohawk Energy Corporation 401(k) Plan
Houston, Texas

We were engaged to audit the financial statements and supplemental schedule of the Petrohawk Energy Corporation 401(k) Plan (the "Plan") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009 as listed in the accompanying table of contents. These financial statements and supplemental schedule are the responsibility of the Plan's management. The financial statements of the Plan as of December 31, 2008 were audited by other auditors. As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), the Plan Administrator instructed the other auditors not to perform and they did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information certified by John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.), the Trustee of the Plan. Their report, dated July 27, 2009, indicated that because of the significance of the information that they did not audit, they were unable to, and did not, express an opinion on the 2008 financial statements taken as a whole and the form and content of the information included in the 2008 financial statements, other than that derived from the information certified by the Trustee, were presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Plan Administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to 2009 investment information summarized in Note 7, which was certified by the Trustee of the Plan except for comparing such information with the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule. We have been informed by the Plan Administrator that the Trustee holds the Plan's investment assets and executes investment transactions. The Plan Administrator has obtained a certification from the Trustee as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, that the information provided to the Plan Administrator by the Trustee is complete and accurate.

Because of the significance of the information that we did not audit, we are unable to, and do not, express an opinion on the accompanying 2009 financial statements and supplemental schedule taken as a whole. The form and content of the information included in the 2009 financial statements and supplemental schedule, other than that derived from the information certified by the Trustee, have been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and, in our opinion, are presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

UHY LLP

Houston, Texas
July 29, 2010

PETROHAWK ENERGY CORPORATION 401(k) PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

	2009	2008
ASSETS:		
Investments, at fair value:		
Participant-directed investments	$ 21,791,534	$ 11,379,718
Interest-bearing cash	-	19,545
Total investments	21,791,534	11,399,263
Receivables:		
Employer contribution	14,762	203,527
Participant contributions	10	318
Total receivables	14,772	203,845
Total assets	21,806,306	11,603,108
LIABILITIES - Excess contributions payable	7,300	-
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	$ 21,799,006	$ 11,603,108

See notes to financial statements.

PETROHAWK ENERGY CORPORATION 401(k) PLAN

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

ADDITIONS:	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	$ 4,178,922
Contributions:	
Participant contributions	3,500,261
Rollover contributions	149,045
Employer contributions	3,193,232
Total contributions	6,842,538
Total additions	11,021,460
DEDUCTIONS:	
Benefits paid to participants	823,523
Other expenses	2,039
Total deductions	825,562
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	10,195,898
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:	
Beginning of year	11,603,108
End of year	$ 21,799,006

See notes to financial statements.

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the Petrohawk Energy Corporation 401(k) Plan (the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan document for more complete information.

General — The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of Petrohawk Energy Corporation (the Company or Plan Sponsor) who have attained the later of 21 years of age or have completed one month of service. An employee can commence participation in the Plan on entry dates of January 1, April 1, July 1, or October 1 after completion of the eligibility requirements. The trustees of the Plan control and manage the operation and administration of the Plan. The Company's Executive Vice-President — Finance and Administration, Executive Vice-President — Corporate Development, and Director of Human Resources (effective February 2008), served as the trustees during the plan years. The John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) (John Hancock) serves as the custodian and record keeper of the Plan's assets. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions — Each year, participants may contribute up to 75% of their pretax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan, subject to certain Internal Revenue Code (IRC) limitations. The amount of a participant's deferral contribution, for any given pay period, may not exceed the net amount of the participant's paycheck, after applicable taxes have been paid or withheld, and any deductions authorized by the participant or required by law have been made. The amount a participant may defer cannot be less than 1% of compensation per pay period. For the year ended December 31, 2009, the Company contributed 100% of each participant's deferral contribution, limited to a 10% maximum of each participant's compensation. Additional amounts may be contributed at the discretion of the Company. No such additional discretionary contributions were made for the year ended December 31, 2009. Participants may also contribute amounts representing rollover distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans.

Participant Accounts — Individual accounts are maintained for each Plan participant. Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, the Company's matching contribution, allocations of the Company's discretionary contributions, if any, and investment earnings, and charged with withdrawals and investment losses, and an allocation of plan investment fees. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined by the Plan. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit provided from the participant's vested account.

Investments — Participants direct the investment of their contributions and the Company's matching contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan currently offers thirty-five pooled separate accounts as investment options for participants.

Vesting — Participants vest immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's contribution portion of their accounts is based on years of service. A participant vests at the rate of 20% for each year of service, with the result that a participant becomes 100% vested after 5 years of service.

Participant Loans — Participants may not borrow any amounts from the Plan.

Payment of Benefits — On termination of service, a participant may generally elect to receive either a lump sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account or installments for required minimum distributions at age 70 1/2 years. Upon death or disability, a participant or their beneficiary receives a lump sum payment of the participant's vested balance. Non vested benefits are forfeited to the Plan upon distribution of the terminated participant's account in accordance with the Plan document. The Plan requires that all terminated employee account balances less than $5,000 be automatically distributed, of which $37,860 and $25,461 was not yet distributed at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

Forfeited Accounts — At December 31, 2009 and 2008, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled $0 and $19,545, respectively. During the year ended December 31, 2009, the Company reduced its contributions by $115,627 utilizing forfeited nonvested accounts. Effective July 1, 2009, the Plan permits forfeitures to be used to pay expenses of the Plan.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting — The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP).

Use of Estimates — The preparation of the Plan's financial statements in conformity with US GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and changes therein and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates and assumptions.

Risks and Uncertainties — The Plan utilizes various investment securities. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate risk, credit risk, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the Plan's financial statements.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition — The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Fair value of a financial instrument is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The units of the pooled separate accounts are stated at fair value as determined by John Hancock, based on the fair value of the underlying investments of the accounts.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Management fees and operating expenses charged to the Plan for investments in the pooled separate accounts are deducted at the fund level from income earned on a daily basis and, therefore, are not separately reflected at the Plan level. Consequently, fund management fees and operating expenses are reflected as a reduction of investment return for such investments.

Unit Values — Individual participant accounts for the pooled separate accounts are maintained on a unit value basis. Participants do not have beneficial ownership in the specific underlying securities or other assets in the fund, but do have an interest therein represented by units valued daily. The funds appreciate or depreciate, earn dividends and earn interest. Earnings are automatically reinvested in additional units. Generally, contributions to and withdrawal payments from each fund are converted to units by dividing

the amounts of such transactions by the unit values as last determined, and the participants' accounts are charged or credited with the number of units properly attributable to each participant.

Administrative Costs — Substantially all third party administration costs of the Plan and its trust are charged against the net appreciation of investments or against principal if there are no earnings. Certain legal and accounting costs are absorbed by the Company.

Payment of Benefits — Benefit payments to participants are recorded upon distribution.

Excess Contributions Payable — The Plan is required to return to participants contributions received during the Plan year in excess of the annual IRC limits.

New Accounting Pronouncements — The financial statements reflect the prospective adoption of Financial Accounting Standards Board's (FASB) Statement No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements* (SFAS 157), as of the beginning of the year ended December 31, 2008 (see Note 3 "Fair Value Measurements"). SFAS 157 is now codified under Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820 (ASC 820). ASC 820 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 and establishes a single authoritative definition of fair value, sets a framework for measuring fair value, and requires additional disclosures about fair value measurements. The effect of the adoption of ASC 820 had no impact on the statements of net assets available for benefits and statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

In January 2010, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2010-06, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* (ASU 2010-06), which required entities to make new disclosures about recurring and nonrecurring fair value measurements including significant transfers in and out of Level 1 and 2 categories and provide information on purchases, sales, issuances and settlements on a gross basis in the reconciliation of Level 3 measurements. ASU 2010-06 also clarifies existing fair value disclosures. ASU 2010-06 is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2009, except for the requirement to provide Level 3 activity of purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements on a gross basis, which will be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010. The adoption of ASU 2010-06 did not have a material impact on the Plan's financial statements.

In 2009, the FASB issued ASC No. 105, *The FASB Accounting Standards Codification and the Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles – a replacement of FASB Statement No. 162* (the Codification). This ASC establishes two levels of US GAAP, authoritative and nonauthoritative. On July 1, 2009, the Codification became the single source of authoritative, nongovernmental US GAAP. The Codification was effective for interim and annual reporting periods after September 15, 2009. The Plan has included reference to authoritative accounting literature in accordance with the Codification. There are no other changes to the content of the Plan's financial statements or disclosures as a result of implementing the Codification.

3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

In applying the valuation principles in ASC 820 to financial assets and liabilities, a three-tiered fair-value hierarchy was used to prioritize the inputs when evaluating fair value:

Level 1 — Observable inputs that reflect quoted market prices (unadjusted) for identical assets in active markets.

Level 2 — Includes other inputs that are directly or indirectly observable in the marketplace.

Level 3 — Unobservable inputs which are supported by little or no market activity.

The following table sets forth by level within the fair-value hierarchy a summary of the Plan's investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2009 and 2008. As required by ASC 820, financial assets are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement by type and category of investment. The Plan is able to value the pooled separate accounts based on observable market data for similar instruments, which resulted in the Plan reporting its pooled separate accounts as level 2.

	December 31, 2009			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Pooled Separate Accounts:				
Balanced Lifecycle/Lifestyle	$ -	$ 9,866,515	$ -	$ 9,866,515
Equity	-	7,614,627	-	7,614,627
Income	-	4,310,392	-	4,310,392
	$ -	$ 21,791,534	$ -	$ 21,791,534

	December 31, 2008			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Pooled Separate Accounts:				
Balanced Lifecycle/Lifestyle	$ -	$ 4,425,250	$ -	$ 4,425,250
Equity	-	4,447,566	-	4,447,566
Income	-	2,506,902	-	2,506,902
	$ -	$ 11,379,718	$ -	$ 11,379,718

4. EXEMPT PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Plan investments are units of pooled separate accounts offered by John Hancock. John Hancock is the custodian as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan for investment management services were included as a reduction of the return earned on each fund.

5. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intention to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions set forth by ERISA. In the event the Plan is terminated, participants become 100% vested in their accounts.

6. FEDERAL INCOME TAX STATUS

The Plan has received a favorable determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) dated April 7, 2010 stating that the Plan and related Trust are designed in according with the requirements of the IRC. Once qualified, the plan is required to operate in conformity with the IRC to maintain its qualification. The Company believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, no provision for income tax has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

7. INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE CUSTODIAN (UNAUDITED)

The following is a summary of the unaudited information regarding the Plan as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and for the year ended December 31, 2009, included in the Plan's financial statements and supplemental schedule, that was prepared by, or derived from information prepared by John Hancock, the custodian of the Plan, and furnished to the Plan administrator. The Plan administrator has obtained certifications from John Hancock that such information is complete and accurate. Accordingly, at the request of the Plan Administrator, the Plan's independent auditors performed no audit procedures on the certified investment information, and related activity, other than to agree the information to the certified trust statements.

	2009	2008
Statements of net assets available for benefits — Investments, at fair value:		
Participant-directed	$ 21,791,534	$ 11,379,718
Interest-bearing cash	-	19,545
Total investments	$ 21,791,534	$ 11,399,263
Statement of changes in net assets available for benefits — Net appreciation in fair value of investments		
Pooled Separate Accounts — Balanced Lifecycle/Lifestyle	$ 2,087,326	
Pooled Separate Accounts — Equity	1,780,862	
Pooled Separate Accounts — Income	310,734	
Total net appreciation in fair value of investments	$ 4,178,922	

Supplemental schedule: All investment balances and information included in the supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year). The Plan's investments as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, representing 5% or more of the Plan's net assets available for benefits are the following pooled separate accounts:

	2009	2008
* John Hancock — Lifestyle Growth	$ 2,636,073	$ 1,254,050
* John Hancock — Lifestyle Balanced	$ 3,599,957	$ 1,757,612
* John Hancock — Money Market Fund	$ 2,714,718	$ 1,511,588
* John Hancock — Lifestyle Moderate	$ 1,510,830	$ 884,713

* Funds listed represent party-in-interest accounts.

8. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of participant-directed investments per the financial statements as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, to Form 5500:

	2009	2008
Participant directed investments per the financial statements	$ 21,791,534	$ 11,379,718
Receivables	-	203,845
Benefits to be invested	-	10,314
Other	-	7,454
Schedule of assets per the Form 5500	$ 21,791,534	$ 11,601,331

The following is a reconciliation of Interest-bearing cash per the financial statements as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, to Form 5500:

	2009	2008
Interest-bearing cash per the financial statements	$ -	$ 19,545
Benefits to be invested	-	(10,314)
Other	-	(7,454)
Cash per the Form 5500	$ -	$ 1,777

9. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Plan has evaluated events through July 29, 2010, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

Petrohawk Energy Corporation 401K Plan
Plan Number 001
Employer Identification Number: 86-0876964
Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i -
Schedule of Assets (held at end of year)
As of December 31, 2009

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	JH Lifecycle 2010	Pooled Separate Account - Asset Allocation Lifecycle	**	$ 16,269
*	JH Lifecycle 2015	Pooled Separate Account - Asset Allocation Lifecycle	**	135,665
*	JH Lifecycle 2020	Pooled Separate Account - Asset Allocation Lifecycle	**	57,019
*	JH Lifecycle 2025	Pooled Separate Account - Asset Allocation Lifecycle	**	190,663
*	JH Lifecycle 2030	Pooled Separate Account - Asset Allocation Lifecycle	**	53,710
*	JH Lifecycle 2035	Pooled Separate Account - Asset Allocation Lifecycle	**	89,415
*	JH Lifecycle 2040	Pooled Separate Account - Asset Allocation Lifecycle	**	80,041
*	JH Lifecycle 2045	Pooled Separate Account - Asset Allocation Lifecycle	**	62,379
*	JH Lifestyle Conservative	Pooled Separate Account - Asset Allocation Lifestyle	**	172,779
*	JH Lifestyle Moderate	Pooled Separate Account - Asset Allocation Lifestyle	**	1,510,830
*	JH Lifestyle Balanced	Pooled Separate Account - Asset Allocation Lifestyle	**	3,599,957
*	JH Lifestyle Growth	Pooled Separate Account - Asset Allocation Lifestyle	**	2,636,073
*	JH Lifestyle Aggressive	Pooled Separate Account - Asset Allocation Lifestyle	**	915,432
*	BlackRock Global Allocation Fund	Pooled Separate Account - Balanced	**	346,283
*	Washington Mutual Investors	Pooled Separate Account - Large Value	**	593,572
*	Growth Fund of America	Pooled Separate Account - Large Growth	**	1,076,993
*	Europacific Fund	Pooled Separate Account - International Blend	**	388,656
*	Aim Small Cap Growth	Pooled Separate Account - Small-Cap Growth	**	138,713
*	Money Market Fund	Pooled Separate Account - Short Term Fixed Income	**	2,714,718
*	Total Return Fund	Pooled Separate Account - Intermediate Term Fixed Income	**	414,710
*	Investment Quality Bond Fund	Pooled Separate Account - Intermediate Term Fixed Income	**	257,021
*	Strategic Bond Fund	Pooled Separate Account - Intermediate Term Fixed Income	**	420,454
*	High Yield Fund	Pooled Separate Account - High Yield Bond	**	503,489
*	Equity Income Fund	Pooled Separate Account - Large Value	**	686,980
*	500 Index Fund	Pooled Separate Account - Index	**	497,478
*	Mid Value Fund	Pooled Separate Account - Mid-Cap Value	**	668,864
*	Small Company Value Fund	Pooled Separate Account - Small-Cap Value	**	495,217
*	Blue Chip Growth Fund	Pooled Separate Account - Large Growth	**	554,691
*	Mid Cap Index Fund	Pooled Separate Account - Index	**	220,290
*	Small Cap Value Fund	Pooled Separate Account - Small-Cap Value	**	68,962
*	International Value Fund	Pooled Separate Account - International Value	**	849,704
*	International Small Cap Fund	Pooled Separate Account - International Value	**	424,560
*	International Opportunities Fund	Pooled Separate Account - International Growth	**	224,794
*	Mid Cap Stock Fund	Pooled Separate Account - Mid-Cap Growth	**	580,841
*	Small Cap Index Fund	Pooled Separate Account - Index	**	142,312
				$ 21,791,534

* Note all of the funds listed represent party-in-interest accounts.
** Cost information is not required for participant-directed investments and therefore is not included.

Schedule H, Line 4i
Schedule of Assets (Held At End of Year)

Name of Plan:

► Petrohawk Energy Corporation 401(k) Plan

Employer Identification Number:► 86-0876964

For plan year (beginning/ending):► 12/31/2009 - 12/31/2009 Plan number:► 001

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
*	John Hancock USA	Lifecycle 2045		62,379.14
*	John Hancock USA	Lifecycle 2040		80,041.31
*	John Hancock USA	Lifecycle 2035		89,414.93
*	John Hancock USA	Lifecycle 2030		53,710.11
*	John Hancock USA	Lifecycle 2025		190,662.61
*	John Hancock USA	Lifecycle 2020		57,019.21
*	John Hancock USA	Lifecycle 2015		135,664.84
*	John Hancock USA	Lifecycle 2010		16,267.64
*	John Hancock USA	Lifestyle Aggressive		915,431.52
*	John Hancock USA	Lifestyle Growth		2,636,073.18
*	John Hancock USA	Lifestyle Balanced		3,599,956.92
*	John Hancock USA	Lifestyle Moderate		1,510,830.20
*	John Hancock USA	Lifestyle Conservative		172,778.55
*	John Hancock USA	Intl Small Cap Fund		424,560.18
*	John Hancock USA	International Opps Fund		224,794.32
*	John Hancock USA	Small Cap Index Fund		142,312.34
*	John Hancock USA	AIM Small Cap Growth		138,712.77
*	John Hancock USA	International Value Fund		849,703.95
*	John Hancock USA	Mid Cap Stock Fund		580,841.29
*	John Hancock USA	EuroPacific Growth Fund		388,655.53
*	John Hancock USA	Small Cap Value Fund		68,962.09
*	John Hancock USA	Mid Value Fund		668,864.19
*	John Hancock USA	Small Company Value Fund		495,217.03
*	John Hancock USA	Mid Cap Index Fund		220,290.00
*	John Hancock USA	Blue Chip Growth Fund		554,690.99
*	John Hancock USA	The Growth Fund of America		1,078,993.42
*	John Hancock USA	Equity Income Fund		686,979.67
*	John Hancock USA	500 Index Fund		497,478.13
*	John Hancock USA	Washington Mutual Investors		593,572.34
*	John Hancock USA	BlackRock Global Allocation		346,282.79
*	John Hancock USA	Total Return Fund		414,709.65
*	John Hancock USA	Investment Qual Bond Fund		257,021.37
*	John Hancock USA	High Yield Fund		503,489.15
*	John Hancock USA	Strategic Bond Fund		420,454.34
*	John Hancock USA	Money Market Fund		2,714,717.80
				21,791,533.50