FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHII

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person (Check all applicable) SUPERIOR ENERGY SERVICES INC **Masters William B** Director 10% Owner SPN ] Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) (Middle) (Last) (First) Executive VP & General Counsel 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Dav/Year) **601 POYDRAS STREET** 12/10/2009 **SUITE 2400** 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable (Street) Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person **NEW** 70130 LA **ORLEANS** Form filed by More than One Reporting (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Execution Date Transaction Securitie (Month/Day/Year) Beneficially if any Code (Instr. (Month/Day/Year) 8) Owned Following (I) (Instr. 4) Ownership Reported (Instr. 4) (A) or (D) Transaction(s) ν Price Code Amount (Instr. 3 and 4) 12/10/2009  $A^{(1)}$ Common Stock 7,543 A 39,433(3) D Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) 6. Date Exercisable and 1. Title of 3. Transaction 3A. Deemed 5. Number 7. Title and Amount 8. Price of 9. Number of 11. Nature Derivative Execution Date, Transaction Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) of Securities derivative Ownership Date (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Derivative Security or Exercise if any Code (Instr. Underlying Security Securities Form: Beneficial Price of Derivative Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) Direct (D) or Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year) 8) Securities (Instr. 5) Beneficially Acquired
(A) or
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of (D) (Instr. Owned Security Following (I) (Instr. 4) Reported Transaction(s) 3. 4 and 5) (Instr. 4) Amount

Date

Exercisable

12/31/2010<sup>(2)</sup>

(D)

Expiration

12/10/2019

Title

Commo

Stock

## **Explanation of Responses:**

\$20.3

Options

(right to

buy)

- 1. Represents a grant of restricted stock from the company.
- 2. The stock options are exercisable in 1/3 annual increments beginning the date indicated and ending on the second anniversary thereof.

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(A)

16,939

3. Includes 969 shares of common stock purchased through the company's employee stock purchase plan as of November 30, 2009.

/s/ William B. Masters

Number

Shares

16,939

\$0

16,939

12/14/2009

D

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

 $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

12/10/2009

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