FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* PATTAROZZI RICHARD A |   |  |  |                          | <u>SU</u>                     | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SUPERIOR ENERGY SERVICES INC SPN   |                                  |  |  |               |                     |   |   |                     |                      |                | olicable)   | Person(s) to Issuer   |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|--|---------------|---------------------|---|---|---------------------|----------------------|----------------|---|---|---|--|--|
| (Last)<br>1105 PET  | st) (First) (Middle) D5 PETERS ROAD                                   |  |  |                          |                               | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/17/2004  |                                  |  |  |               |                     |   |   |                     |                      | Offic<br>belov | er (give title<br>w)  | Other (specify below)   |   |  |  |
| (Street) HARVEY   |   |  | 70058<br>Zip)                                |                          | 4. If                         | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)     5. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicatine)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |                                  |  |  |               |                     |   |   |                     |                      | erson          |   |   |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac                    |   |  |  |                          |                               |  | ction 2A. Deemed Execution Date, |  |  | 3. 4. Securit |                     |   | quired  | (A) or              | .                    |                | ount of   | 6. Ownership  | 7. Nature                               |  |  |
|   |   |  |  | Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                               | ır)   i  | if any<br>(Month/Day/Year)       |  | Code (<br>8)   | Instr.        | 5)                  | (A) or (D)                              |   |                     | Bene<br>Owne<br>Repo |                | cially<br>d Following   | (D) or Indired<br>(I) (Instr. 4)                                  |   |  |  |
| Common Stock  |   |  |  |                          | 7/2004                        |  |                                  |  | Code   | V             | 1,550               | _                                       | D   | \$11                | (Instr.              |                | 3 and 4)  | D   |   |  |  |
| Common  | Stock   |  |  | 08/17                    | 7/2004                        |  |                                  |  | S  |               | 1,600               |   | D   | \$11                | .16                  |                | 0   | D   |   |  |  |
|   |   | Та   | able II - I<br>)                             |                          |                               |  |                                  |  |  |               | sed of,<br>onvertib |   |   |                     |                      | vned           |   |   |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)           | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deem<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/Da | Date,                    | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (I<br>8) |  | n of                             |  | 6. Date Exercisable<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |               | е                   | Amou<br>Secur<br>Unde<br>Deriv<br>Secur | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr.<br>and 4) |                     |                      |                | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 4) | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>t (Instr. 4) |  |  |
|   |   |  |  |                          | Code                          | v  |                                  |  | Date<br>Exercisal  |               | Expiration<br>Date  | on or<br>No                             |   | ount<br>nber<br>res |                      |                |   |   |   |  |  |

**Explanation of Responses:** 

William B. Masters on behalf of Richard A. Pattarozzi

08/17/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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