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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SUPERIOR ENERGY SERVICES INC</u> [<u>SPN</u>]		ionship of Reporting Persor all applicable) Director Officer (give title below)	10% Owner Other (specify below)	
	()	(middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/04/2008				
(Street) NEW ORLEANS	LA	70130	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indivi Line) X	dual or Joint/Group Filing ((Form filed by One Report Form filed by More than C Person	ing Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)					

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/04/2008		A ⁽¹⁾		9,356	Α	\$ <mark>0</mark>	19,253	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (8)		5. Numb of Derivati Securiti Acquire (A) or Dispose of (D) (II 3, 4 and	ed nstr.	Expiration Dat	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Options (right to buy)	\$12.86	12/04/2008		A		19,821		12/31/2009 ⁽²⁾	12/04/2018	Common Stock	19,821	\$0	19,821	D	

Explanation of Responses:

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.

<u>/s/ William B. Masters on</u> <u>behalf of Charles M. Hardy</u> ** Signature of Reporting Person

12/08/2008

Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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