FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  HOWARD ERNEST E III |  |  |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SUPERIOR ENERGY SERVICES INC |   |  |       |     |   |  |   | Relationship<br>heck all appl<br>X Direct  | ,  |   |  |    |  |                                       |
|---|--|--|---|--|---|--|-------|-----|---|--|---|--|--|---|--|----|--|---------------------------------------|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 1105 PETERS ROAD                      |  |  |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/22/2008              |   |  |       |     |   |  |   |  | er (give title   |   | Other (s<br>below)   |    |  |                                       |
| (Street) HARVE  |  |  | 70058<br>(Zip)                                      |  | 4. If                                   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |       |     |   |  |   |  |  | ne)<br>X Form                                       | Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable filed by One Reporting Person filed by More than One Reporting n              |    |  |                                       |
|   | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned   |  |   |  |   |  |       |     |   |  |   |  |  |   |  |    |  |                                       |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transc Date (Month/L      |  |  | Execution Date,                                     |  |   | Code (In   | str.  |     |   |  | Beneficially Owned Followin Reported Transaction(s) |  | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirec<br>(I) (Instr. 4) |   | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)  |    |  |                                       |
|   | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |   |  |   |  |       |     |   |  |   |  |  |   |  |    |  |                                       |
| 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. Deemed<br>Execution Da<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/ | ate, T   | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |  | ı of  |     | 6. Date Exercisable ar<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  |   | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Secu<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficiall<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4) | ly | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|   |  |  |   | c  | ode                                     | v  | (A)   | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable   |  | opiration   | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                           |   |  |    |  |                                       |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                                  | (1)  | 05/22/2008                                 |   |  | A                                       |  | 2,643 |     | (2)   |  | (2)   | Common<br>Stock  | 2,643  | \$0   | 11,783   |    | D  |                                       |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Each restricted stock unit represents a right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock.
- 2. The restricted stock units vest immediately upon grant, but the shares of common stock payable upon vesting will not be delivered to the reporting person until he ceases to serve on the board of directors of the Issuer

William B. Masters on behalf of Ernest E. Howard, III

05/22/2008

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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