FORM 4

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Bernard A Patrick					SU	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SUPERIOR ENERGY SERVICES INC [ SPN ]									(Check all app		licable)	g Person(s) to I 10% ( Other	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 601 POYDRAS STREET SUITE 2400					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2011										X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)  Executive Vice President				
(Street) NEW ORLEANS LA 70130  (City) (State) (Zip)				4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D					h/Day/Year)   Exe		Execution f any	A. Deemed kecution Date, any lonth/Day/Year)		Transaction		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)			4 and Secur Benef		cially I Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
										v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price	, l	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(11301. 4)
Common Stock 01/01/					1/01/2011						3,419		D	D \$34.99		9 50,077		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. Deemee Execution I if any (Month/Day	Date,	Code (Inst				6. Date E Expiratio (Month/E	n Dat		Amount of		str. 3	8. Pric Deriv Secui (Instr.	ative rity	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Shares withheld to cover taxes due upon the vesting of restricted stock.

/s/ William B. Masters on behalf of A. Patrick Bernard

01/04/2011

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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