UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): June 22, 2006

PETROHAWK ENERGY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction 000-25717 (Commission File Number) 86-0876964 (I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

of incorporation)

1100 Louisiana, Suite 4400

Houston, Texas77002(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (832) 204-2700

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2):

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"Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On June 22, 2006, Petrohawk Energy Corporation (Petrohawk) and KCS Energy, Inc. (KCS) issued a press release announcing the expiration of the waiting period for U.S. antitrust review under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, in connection with the proposed merger of Petrohawk and KCS, the tender of at least 75% of Petrohawk s outstanding 9 7/8% Senior Notes due 2011, and Petrohawk s entry into certain derivative contracts covering 20,000 MMbtu/day of production for calendar year 2007.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated into this Item 8.01 by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit

No.

Description

99.1 Joint Press Release issued on June 22, 2006 by Petrohawk Energy Corporation and KCS Energy, Inc.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

PETROHAWK ENERGY CORPORATION

By /s/ Shane M. Bayless

Executive Vice President Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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