FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Hardy Samuel Jr.						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SUPERIOR ENERGY SERVICES INC SPN ]									Check	all app Dired	p of Reportin blicable) ctor er (give title	10	)% Ov		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 601 POYDRAS STREET, SUITE 2400						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2012									X Officer (give title Officer (specify below) below)  Executive Vice President						
(Street) NEW ORLEAN							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					
(City)	(St	ate) (2	Zip)																		
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						Execution			Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)		ties Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3,			4 and S		ount of ities icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	ect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
								Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price	:	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(111511.4)		
Common Stock 01						01/01/2012					2,675	5 D \$2		\$28	3.44 17,777 <sup>(2)</sup>		7,777 <sup>(2)</sup>	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)	ivative Conversion Date Execution Date or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any			Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration Exercisable Date			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amour or Numbe of Title Shares		ount nber	nt er		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Owners Form: Direct ( or Indir (I) (Inst	hip D) ect	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Shares withheld to cover taxes due upon the vesting of restricted stock.
- $2. Includes 298 \ shares \ of \ common \ stock \ purchased \ through \ the \ company's \ employee \ stock \ purchase \ plan \ as \ of \ November \ 30, \ 2011.$

/s/ William B. Masters on behalf of Samuel Hardy, Jr.

01/04/2012

Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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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