

Bernard A Patrick  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Bernard A Patrick

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 SUPERIOR ENERGY SERVICES INC [SPN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 601 POYDRAS STREET, SUITE 2400  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/08/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Executive Vice President

NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	12/08/2011		A <sup>(1)</sup>	7,842	A	\$ 0	61,628	D

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

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

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Options (right to buy)	\$ 28.59	12/08/2011		A	16,621	12/31/2012 <sup>(2)</sup> 12/08/2021	Common Stock	16,621

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bernard A Patrick 601 POYDRAS STREET SUITE 2400 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

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

12/12/2011

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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).

(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.

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