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* Sparks Scott Andrew | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>HELIX ENERGY SOLUTIONS GROUP INC</u> [HLX] | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | 10 ve title Ot | Issuer % Owner ther (specify elow) | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 3505 W SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY N. SUITE 400 (Street) | | (<i>, ,</i> | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2024 | EVP and COO | | | |
| | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| HOUSTON | TX | 77043 | Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a c affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10. | contract, instruction or wri | tten plan that is intended | d to satisfy the | |
| | | Table I No | n Derivative Securities Acquired Dispessed of ar Benefi | cially Owned | | | |

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. Transa Code (8) | | | | Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
|---------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|---|-----------------------|---------------|--------------------|---|---|------------|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 01/01/2024 | | М | | 39,683 | Α | (1) | 203,631 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/01/2024 | | D | | 39,683 ⁽²⁾ | D | \$10.28 | 163,948 | D | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 9. Number of 1. Title of 3. Transaction 3A Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount 10 Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Derivative Securities of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) Conversion or Exercise Transaction Code (Instr. Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) derivative Securities Ownership Form: (Month/Day/Year Direct (D) Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) 8) Acquired (A) or Beneficially Ownership Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Owned (Instr. 4) Following Reported Transaction(s) Amount (Instr. 4) or Number Date Exercisable Expiration v (D) Code (A) Date Title of Share

| Restricted Stock Units | (1) | 01/01/2024 | М | | 39,683 | (1) | (3) | Common Stock | 39,683 | \$0.00 | 0 | D | |
|----------------------------|-----|------------|---|------------------------|--------|-----|-----|-----------------|---------|--------|---------|---|--|
| Restricted Stock Units | (4) | 01/01/2024 | Α | 66,877 | | (4) | (5) | Common Stock | 66,877 | \$0.00 | 66,877 | D | |
| Performance Share Units | | 01/01/2024 | Α | 133,754 ⁽⁷⁾ | | (6) | (8) | Common Stock | 133,754 | \$0.00 | 133,754 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Each Restricted Stock Unit ("2021 RSU") represents the contingent right to receive one share of Company common stock. Forfeiture restrictions lapsed with respect to one-third of the grant of the 2021 RSUs on January 1, 2022, forfeiture restrictions with respect to an additional one-third of the grant lapsed on January 1, 2023 and forfeiture restrictions with respect to the remaining one-third of the grant lapsed on January 1, 2024.

2. The Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors (the "Compensation Committee") elected to pay in cash the value of the 2021 RSUs for which forfeiture restrictions lapsed.

3. Upon lapse of the forfeiture restrictions of the 2021 RSUs.

4. This Restricted Stock Unit ("2024 RSU") award was granted pursuant to the Company's 2005 Long Term Incentive Plan (as Amended and Restated effective May 15, 2019, the "LTIP") and each 2024 RSU represents the contingent right to receive one share of Company common stock. Forfeiture restrictions will lapse with respect to the 2024 RSUs granted on the basis of one-third of the grant on January 1, 2025, an additional one-third of the grant on January 1, 2026 and the remaining one-third of the grant on January 1, 2027. Upon each 2024 RSU vesting, the Compensation Committee has the option to pay the value in cash at its discretion.

5. Upon lanse of the forfeiture restrictions of the 2024 RSUs

6. This Performance Share Unit ("2024 PSU") award was granted pursuant to the LTIP and each 2024 PSU represents the contingent right to receive one share of Company common stock. Actual number of 2024 PSUs upon vesting may range from 0% to 200% dependent on the Company's performance over the three-year period from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026. Upon 2024 PSU vesting, the Compensation Committee has the option to pay the value in cash at its discretion

7. Amount reported represents 200% of the number of 2024 PSUs granted and is the maximum number that may be earned.

8. Upon payment of the 2024 PSUs, which shall occur no later than March 15, 2027.

Remarks:

Ken Neikirk by power of

attorney

01/03/2024

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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