

HOWARD ROBERT L
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FORM 4

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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 *
HOWARD ROBERT L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY CO
[SWN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

SUITE 125, 2350 N. SAM
HOUSTON PARKWAY EAST

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/11/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

HOUSTON, TX 77032

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		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)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)			
Common Stock	11/21/2008		J ⁽¹⁾	V	35,000	A	\$ 0 35,000	I	by Robert L. Howard GRAT; Robert L. Howard Trustee
Common Stock	11/21/2008		J ⁽¹⁾	V	35,000	D	\$ 0 112,900	D	
Common Stock	11/21/2008		J ⁽¹⁾	V	35,000	A	\$ 0 35,000	I	by Helen C. Howard GRAT;

Helen C.
Howard,
Trustee

Common Stock	11/21/2008	J ⁽¹⁾	V	35,000	D	\$ 0	77,900	D
Common Stock	12/11/2008	A		1,600	A	\$ 0 <u>(2)</u>	79,500	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)

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.68	12/11/2008		A	5,270	12/11/2009 ⁽³⁾ 12/11/2015	Common Stock 5,270
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.365					12/31/2002 12/31/2011	Common Stock 64,000 ⁽⁴⁾
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.47					12/31/2003 12/31/2012	Common Stock 64,000 ⁽⁵⁾
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.1					12/31/2004 12/31/2013	Common Stock 64,000 ⁽⁶⁾
Stock Options	\$ 6.225					12/09/2005 12/09/2011	Common Stock 13,760 ⁽⁷⁾

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- (7) This option was previously reported as covering 6,880 nonqualified stock options at an exercise price of \$12.45 per share, and has been adjusted as a result of a two-for-one stock split on March 25, 2008.
- (8) This option was previously reported as covering 2,750 nonqualified stock options at an exercise price of \$35.94 per share, and has been adjusted as a result of a two-for-one stock split on March 25, 2008.
- (9) This option was previously reported as covering 3,000 nonqualified stock options at an exercise price of \$40.67 per share, and has been adjusted as a result of a two-for-one stock split on March 25, 2008.
- (10) This option was previously reported as covering 3,000 nonqualified stock options at an exercise price of \$54.36 per share, and has been adjusted as a result of a two-for-one stock split on March 25, 2008.

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