RELIANT ENERGY INC

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Barpoulis Sarah Morrison			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RELIANT ENERGY INC [RRI]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 1000 MAIN FLOOR	(First) (I	Middle)	3. Date of (Month/Da 01/02/20	•	insaction			_X_ Director	10%	Owner or (specify	
HOUSTON,	(Street) TX 77002			ndment, Dat h/Day/Year)	_			6. Individual or J Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by Form filed by Person	-	erson	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	I - Non-Do	erivative S	ecuri	ties Ac	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)) Execution any	ned n Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) o of (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	01/02/2008			A	259 (1)	A	\$0	12,039	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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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer Other				
Barpoulis Sarah Morrison 1000 MAIN STREET 12TH FLOOR HOUSTON, TX 77002	X						

Signatures

Sarah M.
Barpoulis

**Signature of Reporting Person

O1/04/2008

Date

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- * 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) Comprised of (i) 207 shares of common stock and (ii) 52 shares of restricted stock representing director fees earned during the fourth quarter of 2007.

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