

SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY CO
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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 *
 Ale John C.

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)
 10000 ENERGY DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/01/2017

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr. VP and General Counsel

SPRING, TX 77389

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

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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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/01/2017		J ⁽¹⁾	V 79 A \$ 9.7864	59,123	D	
Common Stock	02/20/2017		A ⁽²⁾	6,635 A \$ 8.68	65,758	D	
Common Stock	02/20/2017		F ⁽³⁾	2,163 D \$ 8.68	63,595	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2017 ⁽⁴⁾		A	44,920 A \$ 0	108,515	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)
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.59	02/21/2017 ⁽⁴⁾		A	99,230	02/21/2018 ⁽⁵⁾ 02/21/2024	Common Stock 99,230

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ale John C. 10000 ENERGY DRIVE SPRING, TX 77389			Sr. VP and General Counsel	

Signatures

/s/ Melissa D. McCarty, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Ale 02/22/2017

**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) On December 12, 2016, the Issuer declared a quarterly dividend of \$15.625 per share on its 6.25% Series B Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock, payable on January 17, 2017, to holders of record on January 1, 2017. The dividend was paid in shares of common stock based on the Volume Weighted Average Price per share over the five consecutive trading day period ending on the second trading day immediately preceding the applicable dividend payment day, multiplied by 97%.
- (2) February 20, 2017, distribution to reporting person of issuer's common stock pursuant to Performance Unit Award Agreement dated December 5, 2013.
- (3) Represents net share settlement of common stock award to satisfy withholding taxes on February 20, 2017,
- (4) Restricted stock and options granted in consideration of services as an officer.

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- (5) Options become exercisable in three equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date specified in Column 3 or immediately upon death, disability, retirement at age 65 with required years of service, or a change in control.

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