

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 *
 LANE RICHARD F

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/09/2004

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President

2350 N. SAM HOUSTON
 PARKWAY EAST, SUITE 300

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

HOUSTON, TX 77032

(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: Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|---------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | |
| | | | | Code V | Amount | | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/09/2004 | | A | 4,580 | A | \$ 0 (1) | 89,820 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 2,956.9081 | I | By Nonqualified Retirement Plan |

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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) | \$ 6 | | | | | 02/16/2000 | 02/16/2009 | Common Stock | 18,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 7.3125 | | | | | 09/11/1999 | 09/11/2008 | Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 7.4375 | | | | | 12/14/2001 | 12/14/2010 | Common Stock | 50,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 9.64 | | | | | 12/20/2002 | 12/20/2011 | Common Stock | 18,750 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 11.25 | | | | | 02/09/1999 | 02/09/2008 | Common Stock | 15,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 11.46 | | | | | 12/11/2003 | 12/11/2012 | Common Stock | 50,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 21.14 | | | | | 12/10/2004 | 12/10/2013 | Common Stock | 31,820 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 49.8 | 12/09/2004 | | A | 4,580 | 12/09/2005 ⁽²⁾ | 12/09/2011 | Common Stock | 4,580 |

buy)

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LANE RICHARD F 2350 N. SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY EAST SUITE 300 HOUSTON, TX 77032 | | | Executive Vice President | |

Signatures

Melissa D. McCarty,
Attorney-in-Fact

12/13/2004

__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) Granted in consideration of services as an officer.
 - (2) Option becomes exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date specified in Column 3 or immediately upon a change in control.

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