

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 \*  
 Thaeler John D

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr. Vice Pres. of Subsidiary

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 2350 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY  
 EAST, SUITE 300  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/11/2006

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  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (D)  | Price                                      |
| Common Stock                    | 12/11/2006                           |  | A                              |   | 3,170   | A  | \$ 0<br>(1)                                |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 13,617.4276   | I  | by 401(k) Plan                             |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 27,701.9112   | I  | by Nonqualified Retirement Plan            |

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)               | \$ 1.8594  |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/14/2001   | 12/14/2010  | Common Stock | 28,000                     |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 2.2657  |                                      |  |                                |   | 10/11/2000   | 10/11/2009  | Common Stock | 12,400                     |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 2.41  |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/20/2002   | 12/20/2011  | Common Stock | 21,000                     |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 2.865   |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/11/2003   | 12/11/2012  | Common Stock | 39,000                     |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 5.285   |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/10/2004   | 12/10/2013  | Common Stock | 25,320                     |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 12.45   |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/09/2005   | 12/09/2011  | Common Stock | 9,600                      |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 35.49   |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/08/2006   | 12/08/2012  | Common Stock | 5,760                      |

|                |          |            |  |   |        |                           |            |        |        |
|----------------|----------|------------|--|---|--------|---------------------------|------------|--------|--------|
| Stock          |          |            |  |   |        |                           |            |        |        |
| Options        | \$ 40.67 | 12/11/2006 |  | A | 11,860 | 12/11/2007 <sup>(2)</sup> | 12/11/2013 | Common | 11,860 |
| (Right to buy) |          |            |  |   |        |                           |            | Stock  |        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                              |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                      | Other |
| Thaeler John D<br>2350 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY EAST<br>SUITE 300<br>HOUSTON, TX 77032 |               |           | Sr. Vice Pres. of Subsidiary |       |

## Signatures

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Melissa D. McCarty, Attorney-in-Fact for John D. Thaeler | 12/13/2006          |
| <small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>           | <small>Date</small> |

## 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).
- (2) 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, or a change in control.
- (1) Restricted stock and options granted in consideration of services as an officer.

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