

SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY CO  
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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 \*  
 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)  
 SUITE 125, 2350 N. SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY EAST  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/03/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Pres. E&P and EVP SWN

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (D) Price		
Common Stock	09/03/2008		D		18,340 (1) \$ 0 530,426	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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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
Phantom Stock	<u>(2)</u>					<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	23,655.26
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ <u>1.435</u> <sup>(4)</sup>					12/11/2003	12/11/2012 <sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock	97,556
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ <u>1.205</u> <sup>(4)</sup>					12/20/2002	12/20/2011 <sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock	50,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ <u>20.335</u> <sup>(4)</sup>					12/11/2007	12/11/2013 <sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock	29,133
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ <u>2.645</u>					12/10/2004	12/10/2013 <sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock	105,122
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ <u>27.18</u> <sup>(4)</sup>					12/13/2008	12/13/2014 <sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock	14,626
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ <u>6.225</u> <sup>(4)</sup>					12/09/2005	12/09/2011 <sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock	98,936
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ <u>0.93</u>					12/14/2001	12/14/2010 <sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock	53,512
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ <u>17.745</u> <sup>(4)</sup>					12/08/2006	12/08/2012 <sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock	47,420

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LANE RICHARD F SUITE 125 2350 N. SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY EAST HOUSTON, TX 77032			Pres. E&P and EVP SWN	

## Signatures

/s/ Melissa D. McCarty, Attorney-in-Fact for Richard F. Lane	09/04/2008
**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) As a result of Mr. Lane's resignation from the Company on September 3, 2008, he voluntarily forfeited 18,340 shares of restricted stock that were granted to him under the Company's 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, and would not vest until after December 31, 2008. All outstanding restricted stock vesting prior to December 31, 2008, was accelerated on the date of resignation.
  - (2) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive the economic equivalent of one share of Southwestern Energy Company common stock.
  - (3) Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following termination of the reporting person's employment with Southwestern Energy Company. The reporting person may transfer his phantom stock account into an alternative investment account at any time.
  - (4) Adjustments have been made to the exercise price and derivative securities beneficially owned to reflect the two-for-one stock split on March 25, 2008.
  - (5) As a result of Mr. Lane's resignation on September 3, 2008, all outstanding stock options will expire on September 3, 2010.
  - (6) As a result of Mr. Lane's resignation on September 3, 2008, 14,567 stock options vesting prior to December 31, 2008, have been accelerated, and 14,567 unvested stock options have been voluntarily forfeited.
  - (7) As a result of Mr. Lane's resignation on September 3, 2008, 14,626 stock options vesting prior to December 31, 2008, have been accelerated, and 29,254 unvested stock options have been voluntarily forfeited.
  - (8) As a result of Mr. Lane's resignation on September 3, 2008, 15,806 unvested options relating to the incentive stock award on December 8, 2005, were accelerated.

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