

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 *
 O'DONNELL TIMOTHY J

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)
 12/11/2008

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

HOUSTON, TX 77032

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/11/2008		A	1,410 A	\$ 0 (1) 119,776.3984 (2)	D	
Common Stock					8,505.936 (2)	I	By 401(k) 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 Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.68	12/11/2008		A	4,680	12/11/2009 ⁽³⁾	12/11/2015	Common Stock	4,680
Phantom Stock	⁽⁴⁾					⁽⁵⁾	⁽⁵⁾	Common Stock	7,542.2 ⁽⁶⁾
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 0.93					12/14/2001	12/14/2010	Common Stock	40,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.225					12/09/2005	12/09/2011	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.745					12/08/2006	12/08/2012	Common Stock	6,100
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.335					12/11/2007	12/11/2013	Common Stock	5,820
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.18					12/13/2008	12/13/2014	Common Stock	5,120

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
			Vice President & Treasurer	

ODONNELL TIMOTHY J
SUITE 125
2350 N. SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY EAST
HOUSTON, TX 77032

Signatures

/s/ Melissa D. McCarty, Attorney-in-Fact for Mr.
O'Donnell

12/15/2008

__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) Restricted stock and incentive stock options granted in consideration of services as an officer.
- (2) Adjustments have been made to the amount of securities beneficially owned to reflect the two-for-one stock split on March 25, 2008.
- (3) Incentive stock 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.
- (4) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive the economic equivalent of one share of Southwestern Energy Company common stock.
- (5) 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.
- (6) The phantom stock is currently held in the Southwestern Energy Company Nonqualified Retirement Plan (the "NQ Plan") investment fund, and has been adjusted to reflect the two-for-one stock split on March 25, 2008.
- (7) This option was previously reported as covering 20,000 incentive stock options at an exercise price of \$1.8594 per share, and has been adjusted as a result of a two-for-one stock split on March 25, 2008.
- (8) This option was previously reported as covering 5,000 incentive stock options at an exercise price of \$12.45 per share, and has been adjusted as a result of a two-for-one stock split on March 25, 2008.
- (9) This option was previously reported as covering 3,050 incentive stock options at an exercise price of \$35.49 per share, and has been adjusted as a result of a two-for-one stock split on March 25, 2008.
- (10) This option was previously reported as covering 2,910 incentive stock options at an exercise price of \$40.67 per share, and has been adjusted as a result of a two-for-one stock split on March 25, 2008.
- (11) This option was previously reported as covering 2,560 incentive stock options at an exercise price of \$54.36 per share, and has been adjusted as a result of a two-for-one stock split on March 25, 2008.

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