

Sherrick Jeffrey B
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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 *
 Sherrick Jeffrey B

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)
 2350 N. SAM HOUSTON
 PARKWAY EAST, SUITE 125

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/11/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr. Vice Pres. of Subsidiary

(Street)
 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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code V	Amount		
Common Stock	12/11/2008		A	4,240	A	\$ 0 <u>(1)</u>	25,240 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.68	12/11/2008		A	14,050	12/11/2009 ⁽²⁾ 12/11/2015	Common Stock	14,050
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.92					10/15/2009 10/15/2015	Common Stock	28,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sherrick Jeffrey B 2350 N. SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY EAST SUITE 125 HOUSTON, TX 77032			Sr. Vice Pres. of Subsidiary	

Signatures

Melissa D. McCarty, Attorney-in-Fact for Mr. Sherrick
 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) 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.

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