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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 \*  
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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)  
 Senior Vice President

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 SUITE 125, 2350 N. SAM  
 HOUSTON PARKWAY EAST  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/09/2010

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 or Price   |  |  |             |   |                |
| Common Stock                    | 12/09/2010 <sup>(1)</sup>            |  | A                              |   | 740   | A  | \$ 0                                       | 123,504     | D |                |
| Common Stock                    | 12/09/2010                           |  | J <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 28.7256   | A  | \$ 34.07                                   | 19,062.4557 | I | By 401(k) Plan |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |  | 800         | I | By Child       |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |  | 95,586      | I | By Spouse      |

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 (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)               | \$ 36.22   | 12/09/2010 <sup>(1)</sup>            |  | A                              | 2,260  | 12/09/2011 <sup>(3)</sup> 12/09/2017                     | Common Stock 2,260  |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 2.645   |                                      |  |                                |  | 12/10/2004 12/10/2013                                    | Common Stock 30,928   |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 20.335  |                                      |  |                                |  | 12/11/2007 12/11/2013                                    | Common Stock 3,084  |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 27.18   |                                      |  |                                |  | 12/13/2008 12/13/2014                                    | Common Stock 4,257  |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 30.68   |                                      |  |                                |  | 12/11/2009 12/11/2015                                    | Common Stock 4,680  |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 40.73   |                                      |  |                                |  | 12/10/2010 12/10/2016                                    | Common Stock 4,520  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| Hency Dee W<br>SUITE 125<br>2350 N. SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY EAST<br>HOUSTON, TX 77032 |               |           | Senior<br>Vice<br>President |       |

## Signatures

|   |            |
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| /s/ Melissa D. McCarty, Attorney-in-Fact for Mr.<br>Hency | 12/13/2010 |
| **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) Purchased through the Company's 401(k) plan from August 17, 2010, through December 8, 2010. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated as of December 8, 2010.
- (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.

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