

RELIANT ENERGY INC
Form 8-K
February 25, 2005

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): **February 18, 2005**

RELIANT ENERGY, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

1-16455
(Commission File Number)

76-0655566
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**1000 Main Street
Houston, Texas**
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

77002
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(713) 497-3000**

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In this Current Report on Form 8-K (Form 8-K) and in the exhibit included as part of this report, Reliant Energy refers to Reliant Energy, Inc., and we, us and our refer to Reliant Energy, Inc. and its subsidiaries, unless we specify or the context indicates otherwise.

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On February 21, 2005, we entered into an amendment to the severance agreement between Reliant Energy and Mr. Robert W. Harvey. The amendment amended the definition of Covered Termination in the severance agreement to include the voluntary resignation of Mr. Harvey from employment with the Company on that date. The amendment effected no other changes to the terms of the severance agreement.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On February 18, 2005, we announced that we had reached an agreement with consumer groups and the staff of Public Utility Commission of Texas that addresses, among other things, adjustments to our price-to-beat tariff associated with CenterPoint Energy, Inc.'s stranded-cost recovery process. The agreement is subject to the approval of the Public Utility Commission. For additional information, reference is made to our press release filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated February 18, 2005

99.2 Press Release dated February 21, 2005

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

RELIANT ENERGY, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: February 25, 2005

By: /s/ Thomas C. Livengood
Thomas C. Livengood
Vice President and Controller

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