

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 \*  
**HOWARD ROBERT L**

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 PKWY  
 EAST, SUITE 300  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/11/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

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  
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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	12/11/2006		A	800	A	\$ 0 (1)	73,150 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	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 1.625					12/31/2000	12/31/2009	Common Stock	48,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 2.4375					12/31/2001	12/31/2010	Common Stock	32,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 2.725					12/31/2002	12/31/2011	Common Stock	32,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 2.935					12/31/2003	12/31/2012	Common Stock	32,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 6.195					12/31/2004	12/31/2013	Common Stock	32,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 12.45					12/09/2005	12/09/2011	Common Stock	6,880
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 35.94					12/13/2006	12/13/2012	Common Stock	2,750
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 40.67	12/11/2006		A	3,000	12/11/2007 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/11/2013	Common Stock	3,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOWARD ROBERT L 2350 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY EAST SUITE 300 HOUSTON, TX 77032	X			

## Signatures

Melissa D. McCarty, Attorney-in-Fact	12/13/2006
**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 options granted in consideration of services as a director.
  - (2) 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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