

SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY CO  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 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)  
 10/15/2008

\_\_\_\_ 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)  
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	10/15/2008		A	17,000	A \$ 0 (1) 21,000	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)	\$ 30.92	10/15/2008		A <sup>(2)</sup>	28,000	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 Jeffrey B. Sherrick  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

10/17/2008  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 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 granted in consideration of services as an officer. The restricted stock will vest in four equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date specified in Column 2 or immediately upon death, disability, retirement at age 65, or a change in control.
- (2) Incentive stock options granted in consideration of services as an officer. 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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