

SWIFT ENERGY CO  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SWIFT TERRY E

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
16825 NORTHCHASE DRIVE,  
SUITE 400  
(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77060

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SWIFT ENERGY CO [SFY]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/18/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
COB & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
SFY Common Stock-401(k)				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code V	Amount		
SFY Cmmn Stock-ESOP Holding							401(k) Plan
							ESOP Plan
Swift Energy Common Stock	02/18/2008		M	615	A \$ 44.33	144,343	D
Swift Energy Common Stock	02/18/2008		M	2,460	A \$ 44.33	146,803	D

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Swift Energy Common Stock	02/18/2008	F <sup>(3)</sup>	401	D	\$ 44.33	146,402	D
Swift Energy Common Stock	02/18/2008	F <sup>(4)</sup>	1,607	D	\$ 44.33	144,795	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)

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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Option 2/18/2008 - 2/18/2010	\$ 44.33	02/18/2008		A <sup>(1)</sup>	401	02/18/2009 02/18/2010	Swift Energy Common Stock	401
Stock Option 2/18/2008 - 2/18/2010	\$ 44.33	02/18/2008		A <sup>(2)</sup>	1,607	02/18/2009 02/18/2010	Swift Energy Common Stock	1,607
SQ90 plan grt 4/4/2005 NQ exp 2/18/08	\$ 28.97	02/18/2008		M	615	04/04/2006 02/18/2008	Swift Energy Common Stock	615
SQ90 plan grt 4/4/2005 NQ exp 2/18/08	\$ 28.97	02/18/2008		M	2,460	04/04/2006 02/18/2008	Swift Energy Common Stock	2,460

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SWIFT TERRY E 16825 NORTHCHASE DRIVE, SUITE 400 HOUSTON, TX 77060			COB & CEO	

## Signatures

Terry E. Swift                      02/19/2008

\_\_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) Grant of reload option pursuant to plan.
- (2) Grant of reload option pursuant to plan.
- (3) Payment of exercise price by delivery of 401 shares of issuer's common stock at \$44.33 per share, the closing price of issuer's stock on 2/15/2008.
- (4) Payment of exercise price by delivery of 1,607 shares of issuer's common stock at \$44.33 per share, the closing price of issuer's stock on 2/15/2008.

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