

SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY CO

Form 4

February 12, 2008

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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

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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 125**

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**02/08/2008**

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

**HOUSTON, TX 77032**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V                                                                   | Amount                                                                                                             | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                     | Price                                                             |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 02/08/2008                              |                                                             | M <sup>(1)</sup>                        |                                                                     | 24,000                                                                                                             | A                                                                    | \$ 1.625                                                          |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 02/08/2008                              |                                                             | S <sup>(1)</sup>                        |                                                                     | 24,000                                                                                                             | D                                                                    | \$ 58                                                             |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>buy)               | \$ 1.625                                                              | 02/08/2008                              |                                                             | M <sup>(1)</sup>                        | 24,000                                                                                                       | 12/31/2000 12/31/2009                                          | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 24,000                              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                     | Relationships                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                                    | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| HOWARD ROBERT L<br>2350 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY EAST<br>SUITE 125<br>HOUSTON, TX 77032 | X                                |

## Signatures

Melissa D. McCarty,  
Attorney-in-Fact 02/12/2008

\_\_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) The cashless option exercises reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on December 19, 2007, when not in possession of material nonpublic information.

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