

HOWARD ROBERT L  
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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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/08/2012

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

SUITE 125, 2350 N. SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY EAST

(Street)

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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HOUSTON, TX 77032

(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
				Code	V	Amount				
Common Stock	01/18/2012		J(1)	V	7,965	D	\$ 0	0	I	by Helen C. Howard 2009 GRAT; Helen C. Howard, Trustee
Common Stock	01/18/2012		J(1)	V	7,965	A	\$ 0	103,765	D	
Common Stock	02/07/2012		J(2)	V	7,305	D	\$ 0	0	I	by Robert L. Howard

2009  
GRAT;  
Robert L.  
Howard,  
Trustee

Common Stock	02/07/2012	J <sup>(2)</sup>	V	7,305	A	\$ 0	111,070	D
Common Stock	03/08/2012	M		64,000	A	\$ 3.1	175,070	D
Common Stock	03/08/2012	S		64,000	D	\$ 33.5932 <u>(3)</u>	111,070	D
Common Stock							45,000	I

By 2011  
Family  
Limited  
Partnership

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 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)	\$ 3.1	03/08/2012		M	64,000	12/31/2004	12/31/2013	Common Stock	64,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.335					12/11/2007	12/11/2013	Common Stock	6,000
Stock Options	\$ 27.18					12/13/2008	12/13/2014	Common Stock	6,000

(Right to Buy)					
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 36.22	12/09/2011	12/09/2017	Common Stock	4,550
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.68	12/11/2009	12/11/2015	Common Stock	5,270
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 40.73	12/10/2010	12/10/2016	Common Stock	3,960
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 36.87	12/08/2012	12/08/2018	Common Stock	4,450

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOWARD ROBERT L SUITE 125 2350 N. SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY EAST HOUSTON, TX 77032		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Melissa D. McCarty, Attorney-in-fact for Mr. Howard  
 03/12/2012  
\*\*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) On January 18, 2012, 7,965 shares of stock held in the Helen C. Howard 2009 GRAT (the "HCH 2009 GRAT") were transferred out of the HCH 2009 GRAT and registered in the name of the reporting person and his spouse. Therefore, the reporting person now has direct beneficial ownership of the stock.
  - (2) On February 7, 2012, 7,305 shares of stock held in the Robert L. Howard 2009 GRAT (the "RLH 2009 GRAT") were transferred out of the RLH 2009 GRAT and registered in the name of the reporting person and his spouse. Therefore, the reporting person now has direct beneficial ownership of the stock.
  - (3) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$33.55 to \$33.66. The price reported above in Column 4 reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide, upon written request, to the SEC staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transactions were effected.

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