

Thaeler John D
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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 *
 Thaeler John D

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)
 12/09/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr. Vice Pres. of Subsidiary

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
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 12/09/2010 ⁽¹⁾ | | A | | 5,200 | A | \$ 0 |
| Common Stock | 12/09/2010 | | J ⁽²⁾ | | 41.4243 | A | \$ 33.33 |
| | | | | | 192,362.0974 | D | |
| | | | | | 28,346.4771 | I | |

By
 401(k)
 Plan

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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount Number of Shares |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 36.22 | 12/09/2010 ⁽¹⁾ | | A | 10,060 | 12/09/2011 ⁽³⁾ | 12/09/2017 | Common Stock | 10,060 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 2.645 | | | | | 12/10/2004 | 12/10/2013 | Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Phantom Stock | ⁽⁴⁾ | | | | | ⁽⁵⁾ | ⁽⁵⁾ | Common Stock | 55,400 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 17.745 | | | | | 12/08/2006 | 12/08/2012 | Common Stock | 3,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 40.73 | | | | | 12/10/2010 | 12/10/2016 | Common Stock | 9,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 30.68 | | | | | 12/11/2009 | 12/11/2015 | Common Stock | 14,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 27.18 | | | | | 12/13/2008 | 12/13/2014 | Common Stock | 16,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 20.335 | | | | | 12/11/2007 | 12/11/2013 | Common Stock | 17,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Thaeler John D SUITE 125 2350 N. SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY EAST HOUSTON, TX 77032 | | | Sr. Vice Pres. of Subsidiary | |

Signatures

/s/ Melissa D. McCarty, Attorney-in-Fact for Mr.
Thaeler

12/13/2010

__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 incentive stock options granted in consideration of services as an officer.
 - (2) Purchased through the Company's 401(k) Plan from August 17, 2010, thru December 8, 2010. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated as of December 8, 2010.
 - (3) Incentive stock 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.
 - (4) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive the economic equivalent of one share of Southwestern Energy Company common stock.
 - (5) Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following termination of the reporting person's employment with Southwestern Energy Company. The reporting person may transfer his phantom stock account into an alternative investment account at any time.

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