

RELIANT ENERGY INC

Form 4

March 20, 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 *
STAFF JOEL V

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1000 MAIN STREET, 12TH
FLOOR

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77002

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
RELIANT ENERGY INC [RRI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/18/2008

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	03/18/2008		S ⁽¹⁾		1,860	D	\$ 22.99	955,694	D
Common Stock	03/18/2008		S ⁽¹⁾		1,860	D	\$ 23.13	953,834	D
Common Stock	03/18/2008		S ⁽¹⁾		1,160	D	\$ 23.25	952,674	D
Common Stock	03/18/2008		S ⁽¹⁾		1,860	D	\$ 23.2701	950,814	D
Common Stock	03/18/2008		S ⁽¹⁾		700	D	\$ 23.28	950,114	D

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Common Stock	03/18/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	3,020	D	\$ 23.31	947,094	D
Common Stock	03/18/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	1,860	D	\$ 23.33	945,234	D
Common Stock	03/18/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	1,860	D	\$ 23.3301	943,374	D
Common Stock	03/18/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	1,860	D	\$ 23.3501	941,514	D
Common Stock	03/18/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	2,360	D	\$ 23.36	939,154	D
Common Stock	03/18/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	200	D	\$ 23.37	938,954	D
Common Stock	03/19/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	1,860	D	\$ 23.33	937,094	D
Common Stock	03/19/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	1,860	D	\$ 23.34	935,234	D
Common Stock	03/19/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	3,720	D	\$ 23.3501	931,514	D
Common Stock	03/19/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	1,860	D	\$ 23.3601	929,654	D
Common Stock	03/19/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	1,860	D	\$ 23.41	927,794	D
Common Stock	03/19/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	1,860	D	\$ 23.45	925,934	D
Common Stock	03/19/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	1,860	D	\$ 23.68	924,074	D
Common Stock	03/19/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	160	D	\$ 23.77	923,914	D
Common Stock	03/19/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	1,400	D	\$ 23.78	922,514	D
Common Stock	03/19/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	300	D	\$ 23.785	922,214	D
Common Stock	03/19/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	1,860	D	\$ 23.89	920,354	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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STAFF JOEL V 1000 MAIN STREET 12TH FLOOR HOUSTON, TX 77002	X			

Signatures

Joel V. Staff 03/20/2008

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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).

This sale is pursuant to Mr. Staff's 10b5-1 trading plan entered February 29, 2008, which includes the potential for sales to occur several (1) times each month through March 4, 2009, provided the price per share is above a specified amount. The plan includes some of Mr. Staff's shares of Reliant common stock and does not include common stock underlying his Reliant common stock options.

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