

HOWARD ROBERT L  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
12/11/2008

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  
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock	11/21/2008		J <sup>(1)</sup>	V	35,000	A	\$ 0 35,000	I	by Robert L. Howard GRAT; Robert L. Howard Trustee
Common Stock	11/21/2008		J <sup>(1)</sup>	V	35,000	D	\$ 0 112,900	D	
Common Stock	11/21/2008		J <sup>(1)</sup>	V	35,000	A	\$ 0 35,000	I	by Helen C. Howard GRAT;

Helen C.  
Howard,  
Trustee

Common Stock	11/21/2008	J <sup>(1)</sup>	V	35,000	D	\$ 0	77,900	D
Common Stock	12/11/2008	A		1,600	A	\$ 0 <u>(2)</u>	79,500	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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.68	12/11/2008		A	5,270	12/11/2009 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/11/2015	Common Stock	5,270
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.365					12/31/2002	12/31/2011	Common Stock	64,000 <sup>(4)</sup>
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.47					12/31/2003	12/31/2012	Common Stock	64,000 <sup>(5)</sup>
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.1					12/31/2004	12/31/2013	Common Stock	64,000 <sup>(6)</sup>
Stock Options	\$ 6.225					12/09/2005	12/09/2011	Common Stock	13,760 <sup>(7)</sup>



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- (7) This option was previously reported as covering 6,880 nonqualified stock options at an exercise price of \$12.45 per share, and has been adjusted as a result of a two-for-one stock split on March 25, 2008.
- (8) This option was previously reported as covering 2,750 nonqualified stock options at an exercise price of \$35.94 per share, and has been adjusted as a result of a two-for-one stock split on March 25, 2008.
- (9) This option was previously reported as covering 3,000 nonqualified stock options at an exercise price of \$40.67 per share, and has been adjusted as a result of a two-for-one stock split on March 25, 2008.
- (10) This option was previously reported as covering 3,000 nonqualified stock options at an exercise price of \$54.36 per share, and has been adjusted as a result of a two-for-one stock split on March 25, 2008.

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