

HOWARD ROBERT L  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/31/2009

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 Reporting

(check applicable line)

HOUSTON, TX 77032

Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/17/2009	Â	<u>J(1)</u>	12,500 D \$ 0	94,010	D	Â
Common Stock	12/17/2009	Â	<u>J(1)</u>	12,500 A \$ 0	12,500	I	by Robert L. Howard 2009 GRAT; Robert L. Howard,

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Common Stock	12/17/2009	Â	J <sup>(1)</sup>	12,500	D	\$ 0	81,510	D	Trustee Â
Common Stock	12/17/2009	Â	J <sup>(1)</sup>	12,500	A	\$ 0	12,500	I	by Helen C. Howard 2009 GRAT; Helen C. Howard, Trustee
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	22,500	I	by Helen C. Howard GRAT; Helen C. Howard, Trustee
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	22,500	I	by Robert L. Howard GRAT; Robert L. Howard Trustee

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.1	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	12/31/2004 12/31/2013	Common Stock	64,000
	\$ 6.225	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	12/09/2005 12/09/2011		13,760



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2009 GRAT, and has indirect beneficial ownership of the stock. The reporting person's wife is the Trustee of the HCH 2009 GRAT, and has indirect beneficial ownership of the stock.

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