

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)  
 SUITE 125, 2350 N. SAM  
 HOUSTON PARKWAY EAST  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/18/2009

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

HOUSTON, TX 77032

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 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                    | 09/18/2009                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                   |   | 64,000 | A                                                                                             | \$ 1.47                                                  | 143,500                                               | D          |                                            |
| Common Stock                    | 09/18/2009                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   |   | 64,000 | D                                                                                             | \$ 44.8738<br>(1)                                        | 79,500                                                | D          |                                            |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |   |        |                                                                                               |                                                          | 35,000                                                | I          | by Helen C. Howard, GRAT; Helen C. Howard, |

|              |  |  |  |  |        |   |                                                                        |
|--------------|--|--|--|--|--------|---|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock |  |  |  |  | 35,000 | I | Trustee<br>by Robert L.<br>Howard GRAT;<br>Robert L. Howard<br>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) |              |                            |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                                               | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 1.47                                                | 09/18/2009                           |                                                    | M                              | 64,000                                                                                  | 12/31/2003                                               | 12/31/2012                                                    | Common Stock | 64,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Melissa D. McCarty, Attorney-in-fact for Mr. Howard

09/21/2009

\*\*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).

This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$44.52 to \$45.18. The price reported above in Column 4 reflects  
(1) 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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