

Hammons Gene A  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
Hammons Gene A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY CO  
[SWN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President of Subsidiary

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/11/2008

HOUSTON, TX 77032

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

(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)
Common Stock	12/11/2008		A	6,350	\$ 0 (1)	37,650 (2)	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)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.86	12/11/2008		A	21,070	12/11/2009 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/11/2015			Common Stock	21,070
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.745					12/08/2006	12/08/2012			Common Stock	27,100 <sup>(4)</sup>
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.335					12/11/2007	12/11/2013			Common Stock	23,920 <sup>(5)</sup>
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.18					12/13/2008	12/13/2014			Common Stock	17,560 <sup>(6)</sup>

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

Hammons Gene A  
 SUITE 125  
 2350 N. SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY EAST  
 HOUSTON, TX 77032

President of Subsidiary

## Signatures

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

12/15/2008

\*\*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.

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- (2) Adjustments have been made to the amount of securities beneficially owned to reflect the two-for-one stock split on March 25, 2008.
- (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) This option was previously reported as covering 13,550 incentive stock options at an exercise price of \$35.49 per share, and has been adjusted as a result of a two-for-one stock split on March 25, 2008.
- (5) This option was previously reported as covering 11,960 incentive 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.
- (6) This option was previously reported as covering 8,780 incentive 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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