

SWIFT A EARL
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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 *
SWIFT A EARL

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SWIFT ENERGY CO [SFY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
16825 NORTHCHASE DRIVE,
SUITE 400

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/11/2005

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

(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 77060

(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	01/11/2005	01/11/2005	M		9,300	A	\$ 11.4375	159,149	D	
Common Stock	01/11/2005	01/11/2005	F ⁽¹⁾		3,943	D	\$ 26.97	155,206	D	
Common Stock								8,267	I	401(k)
Common Stock								958	I	ESOP
Common Stock								944	I	by Family Member

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 11.4375	01/11/2005	01/11/2005	M		9,300	02/07/2001 02/07/2010	Common Stock	9,300
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 26.97	01/11/2005	01/11/2005	A ⁽²⁾		3,943	01/11/2006 02/07/2010	Common Stock	3,943

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SWIFT A EARL 16825 NORTHCHASE DRIVE, SUITE 400 HOUSTON, TX 77060				X

Signatures

Karen Bryant POA for A. Earl
Swift 01/12/2005

**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) Payment of exercise price by delivering or withholding 3,943 shares of common stock at \$26.97 per share, the closing price of issuer's common stock on 1-11-05.

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(2) Grant of reload option pursuant to plan.

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