

SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY CO  
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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 \*  
 Stubblefield Joe Alan

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)  
 Sr. Vice Pres. 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 or Disposed of (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)
				(A) or (D)	Amount	Price			
Common Stock	10/16/2008		A <sup>(1)</sup>	V	14	A \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>	110,280 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2008		A		4,240	A \$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	114,520	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2008		M		3,762	A \$ 17.745	118,282	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2008		M		1,636	A \$ 20.335	119,918	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.68	12/11/2008		A	14,050	12/11/2009 <sup>(4)</sup> 12/11/2015	Common Stock	14,050
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.745	12/15/2008		M	3,762	12/08/2006 12/08/2012	Common Stock	3,762
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.335	12/15/2008		M	1,636	12/11/2007 12/11/2013	Common Stock	1,636
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.18					12/13/2008 12/13/2014	Common Stock	16,364

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Stubblefield Joe Alan SUITE 125 2350 N. SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY EAST HOUSTON, TX 77032			Sr. Vice Pres. of Subsidiary	

## Signatures

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

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) Employee service award for 10 years of service with the Company.
- (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) Restricted stock and incentive stock options granted in consideration of services as an officer.
- (4) 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.
- (5) This option was previously reported as covering 2,382 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.
- (6) This option was previously reported as covering 11,860 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.
- (7) This option was previously reported as covering 8,340 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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