

SWIFT ENERGY CO  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
VINCENT BRUCE H

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

HOUSTON, TX 77060

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/14/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
President and Sec'y

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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)
SFY Common Stock-401(k)				(A) or (D)	Price		
SFY Common Stock-401(k)						I	401(k) Plan
SFY Common Stock-ESOP Holding						I	ESOP Plan
Swift Energy Common Stock	05/14/2008		M	7,709	A \$ 35.04	94,872	D
Swift Energy Common Stock	05/14/2008		M	7,593	A \$ 30.47	102,465	D

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Swift Energy Common Stock	05/14/2008	S	6,627	D	\$ 57.5	95,838	D
Swift Energy Common Stock	05/14/2008	F <sup>(3)</sup>	4,673	D	\$ 57.8	91,165	D
Swift Energy Common Stock	05/14/2008	F <sup>(4)</sup>	4,002	D	\$ 57.8	87,163	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)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option 5/14/2008 - 2/20/2011	\$ 57.8	05/14/2008		A <sup>(1)</sup>	4,673	05/14/2009 02/20/2011	Swift Energy Common Stock	4,673
Stock Option 5/14/08 - 5/8/2011	\$ 57.8	05/14/2008		A <sup>(2)</sup>	4,002	05/14/2009 05/08/2011	Swift Energy Common Stock	4,002
SQ01 Plan grt 2/20/2001 ISO	\$ 35.04	05/14/2008		M	7,709	02/20/2002 02/20/2011	Swift Energy Common Stock	12,500
SQ01 Plan grt 5/8/2001 NQ	\$ 30.47	05/14/2008		M	7,593	05/08/2002 05/08/2011	Swift Energy Common Stock	18,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
VINCENT BRUCE H 16825 NORTHCHASE DRIVE, SUITE 400 HOUSTON, TX 77060			President and Sec'y	

## Signatures

Bruce H.  
Vincent

05/14/2008

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) Grant of reload option pursuant to plan.
- (2) Grant of reload option pursuant to plan.
- (3) Payment of exercise price by delivery of 4,673 shares of issuer's common stock at \$57.80 per share, the closing price of issuer's stock on 5/13/2008.
- (4) Payment of exercise price by delivery of 4,002 shares of issuer's common stock at \$57.80 per share, the closing price of issuer's stock on 5/13/2008.

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