

RELIANT ENERGY INC  
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 \*  
LIVENGOOD THOMAS C

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1000 MAIN STREET, 12TH FLOOR  
(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77002

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
RELIANT ENERGY INC [RRI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/19/2008

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)  
Sr Vice Pres & Controller

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    | 02/19/2008                           |  | A                              |   | 3,074   | A  | \$ 0                              |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 253   | I  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | By 401(K) Plan <u>(1)</u>         |

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 Number Shares |
| Employee Stock Option-Right To Buy         | \$ 4.95  |                                      |  |                                |   | (2)  | 09/02/2012  | Common Stock | 30,000               |
| Employee Stock Option-Right To Buy         | \$ 3.505   |                                      |  |                                |   | (2)  | 03/10/2013  | Common Stock | 33,500               |
| Employee Stock Option-Right To Buy         | \$ 8.135   |                                      |  |                                |   | (2)  | 02/12/2014  | Common Stock | 108,800              |
| Employee Stock Option-Right To Buy         | \$ 16.26   |                                      |  |                                |   | (3)  | 02/19/2017  | Common Stock | 9,100                |
| Employee Stock Option-Right To Buy         | \$ 23.375  | 02/19/2008                           |  | A                              | 6,588   | (4)  | 02/18/2008  | Common Stock | 6,588                |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                           |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                   | Other |
| LIVENGOOD THOMAS C<br>1000 MAIN STREET<br>12TH FLOOR<br>HOUSTON, TX 77002 |               |           | Sr Vice Pres & Controller |       |

## Signatures

Thomas C.  
Livengood

02/21/2008

\_\_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) Based on a plan statement as of December 31, 2007.
- (2) All such stock options have vested.
- (3) 3,035 of such stock options have vested. The remaining 6,071 become exercisable in two equal annual installments beginning February 20, 2009.
- (4) These stock options vest in three equal annual installments beginning February 19, 2009.

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