

SWIFT TERRY E  
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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 \*  
SWIFT TERRY E

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)  
02/06/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
COB & CEO

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ 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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
SFY Common Stock-401(k)					7,864	I	401(k) Plan
SFY Cmmn Stock-ESOP Holding					1,342	I	ESOP Plan
Swift Energy Common Stock					8,085	I	TES GST Exempt Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Swift Energy Common Stock					8,086	I	NGS GST Exempt

Trust <sup>(2)</sup>

Swift Energy Common Stock	02/06/2009	F	2,210	D	\$ 16.01	142,585	D
Swift Energy Common Stock	02/07/2009	F	1,544	D	\$ 16.01	141,041	D
Swift Energy Common Stock	02/08/2009	F	953	D	\$ 16.01	140,088	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

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16825 NORTHCHASE DRIVE, SUITE 400  
HOUSTON, TX 77060

COB  
& CEO

## Signatures

Alton D. Heckaman, Jr., POA for Terry E.  
Swift

02/10/2009

\*\*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) Shares owned by the Terry Earl Swift GST Exempt Trust.
- (2) Shares held by the Nicholas Gorman Swift GST Exempt Trust, of which Mr. Swift is trustee. Mr. Swift disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.

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