

SWIFT ENERGY CO  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
WESSON DAVID W

(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)  
05/12/2008

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)  
Controller

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ 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 Cmmn Stock-ESOP Holding				Code V	Amount		
Swift Energy Common Stock	05/12/2008			M	5,000	A	\$ 8.3 15,883 D
Swift Energy Common Stock	05/12/2008			S	400	D	\$ 54.98 15,483 D

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Stock								
Swift Energy Common Stock	05/12/2008		S	300	D	\$ 54.97	15,183	D
Swift Energy Common Stock	05/12/2008		S	1,700	D	\$ 54.964	13,483	D
Swift Energy Common Stock	05/12/2008		S	1,023	D	\$ 54.96	12,460	D
Swift Energy Common Stock	05/12/2008		S	300	D	\$ 54.94	12,160	D
Swift Energy Common Stock	05/12/2008		S	877	D	\$ 54.92	11,283	D
Swift Energy Common Stock	05/12/2008		S	200	D	\$ 54.9	11,083	D
Swift Energy Common Stock	05/12/2008		S	100	D	\$ 54.89	10,983	D
Swift Energy Common Stock	05/12/2008		S	2,823	D	\$ 54.86	8,160	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of

								Shares	
SQ01 Plan								Swift Energy Common Stock	5,000
grt	\$ 8.3	05/12/2008		M	5,000	11/11/2003	11/11/2012		
11/11/2002									

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WESSON DAVID W 16825 NORTHCHASE DRIVE, SUITE 400 HOUSTON, TX 77060				Controller

## Signatures

David W.  
Wesson

05/13/2008

\_\_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).

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