

SWIFT A EARL  
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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 A EARL

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)  
11/23/2004

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

(Street)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	11/23/2004	11/23/2004	M	6,003 A \$ 8.125	155,442	D	
Common Stock	11/23/2004	11/23/2004	F <sup>(1)</sup>	1,726 D \$ 28.25	153,716	D	
Common Stock	11/23/2004	11/23/2004	M	1,661 A \$ 9	155,377	D	
Common Stock	11/23/2004	11/23/2004	F <sup>(2)</sup>	528 D \$ 28.25	154,849	D	
Common Stock					8,267	I	401(k)

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Common Stock	958	I	ESOP
Common Stock	944	I	by Family Member

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
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 8.125	11/23/2004	11/23/2004	M		6,003		12/07/1999	12/07/2008	Common Stock	6,003
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 9	11/23/2004	11/23/2004	M		1		12/09/1999	11/03/2007	Common Stock	1
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 9	11/23/2004	11/23/2004	M		1,660		02/18/1999	02/18/2008	Common Stock	1,660
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 28.25	11/23/2004	11/23/2004	A		<u>528</u> <sup>(3)</sup>		11/23/2005	02/18/2008	Common Stock	528
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 28.25	11/23/2004	11/23/2004	A		<u>1,726</u> <sup>(3)</sup>		11/23/2005	12/07/2008	Common Stock	1,726

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SWIFT A EARL 16825 NORTHCHASE DRIVE, SUITE 400 HOUSTON, TX 77060	X			

## Signatures

A. EARL  
SWIFT

11/24/2004

                     \*\*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) Payment of exercise price by delivering or withholding 1,726 shares of common stock at \$28.25 per share, the closing price of issuer's common stock on 11-23-04.
- (2) Payment of exercise price by delivering or withholding 578 shares of common stock at \$28.25 per share, the closing price of issuer's common stock on 11-23-04.
- (3) Grant of reload option pursuant to plan.

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