

SWIFT A EARL
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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)
01/11/2005

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
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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)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/11/2005	01/11/2005	M		9,300	A	\$ 11.4375	159,149	D	
Common Stock	01/11/2005	01/11/2005	F ⁽¹⁾		3,943	D	\$ 26.97	155,206	D	
Common Stock								8,267	I	401(k)
Common Stock								958	I	ESOP
Common Stock								944	I	by Family Member

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(2) Grant of reload option pursuant to plan.

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