#### HOWARD ROBERT L

Form 4

September 21, 2009

## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* HOWARD ROBERT L

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY CO

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

[SWN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

\_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

Officer (give title

\_ Other (specify

SUITE 125, 2350 N. SAM **HOUSTON PARKWAY EAST** 

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Middle)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

09/18/2009

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

HOUSTON, TX 77032

| (City)                               | (State)                                 | (Zip) Tab   | ole I - Non-                           | Derivative                              | Secu  | rities Acquii        | red, Disposed of,  | or Beneficiall   | y Owned   |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-------|----------------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securit<br>or Dispos<br>(Instr. 3, 4 | ed of | ` ′                  | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 09/18/2009                              |   | M                                      | 64,000                                  | A     | \$ 1.47              | 143,500  | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 09/18/2009                              |   | S                                      | 64,000                                  | D     | \$<br>44.8738<br>(1) | 79,500   | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      |   |   |  |   |       |                      | 35,000   | I  | by Helen<br>C.<br>Howard  |

**GRAT**: Helen C. Howard,

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Trustee by Robert L. Howard Common 35,000 GRAT; Stock Robert L. Howard Trustee Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of SEC 1474 information contained in this form are not (9-02)required to respond unless the form

> Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of or 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<br>Exercisable                                      | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)                        | \$ 1.47   | 09/18/2009                           |   | M                                       | 64,000   | 12/31/2003   | 12/31/2012         | Common<br>Stock   | 64,000                              |

# **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |  |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|
| 1   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |
| HOWARD ROBERT L<br>SUITE 125<br>2350 N. SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY EAST<br>HOUSTON, TX 77032 | X             |           |         |       |  |
| Signatures  |               |           |         |       |  |

/s/ Melissa D. McCarty, Attorney-in-fact for Mr. 09/21/2009 Howard

> \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

2 Reporting Owners

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- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$44.52 to \$45.18. The price reported above in Column 4 reflects
- (1) the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide, upon written request, to the SEC staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transactions were effected.

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