

SCHARLAU CHARLES E
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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 *
SCHARLAU CHARLES E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY CO
[SWN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/10/2009

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

SUITE 125, 2350 N. SAM
HOUSTON PARKWAY EAST

(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 77032

(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 | | 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) | | | |
| Common Stock | 08/31/2009 | | J(1) | V | 167,614 | D | \$ 0 883,958 | D | by Charles Scharlau GRAT; Charles Scharlau, Trustee |
| Common Stock | 08/31/2009 | | J(1) | V | 167,614 | A | \$ 0 167,614 | I | |
| Common Stock | 08/31/2009 | | J(2) | V | 523,794 | D | \$ 0 360,164 | D | |

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|--------------|---------------------------|------------------|---|---------|---|------|---------|---|---------------|
| Common Stock | 08/31/2009 | J ⁽²⁾ | V | 523,794 | A | \$ 0 | 523,794 | I | by Family LLC |
| Common Stock | 12/10/2009 ⁽³⁾ | A | | 2,010 | A | \$ 0 | 362,174 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 8,000 | I | By Spouse |

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) | \$ 40.73 | 12/10/2009 ⁽³⁾ | | A | 3,960 | 12/10/2010 ⁽⁴⁾ | 12/10/2016 | Common Stock | 3,960 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 1.22 | | | | | 12/31/2001 | 12/31/2010 | Common Stock | 64,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 1.365 | | | | | 12/31/2002 | 12/31/2011 | Common Stock | 64,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 1.47 | | | | | 12/31/2003 | 12/31/2012 | Common Stock | 64,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 3.1 | | | | | 12/31/2004 | 12/31/2013 | Common Stock | 64,000 |

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| Buy) | | | | | | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 6.225 | | 12/09/2005 | 12/09/2011 | Common Stock | 13,760 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 17.97 | | 12/13/2006 | 12/13/2012 | Common Stock | 5,500 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 20.335 | | 12/11/2007 | 12/11/2013 | Common Stock | 6,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 27.18 | | 12/13/2008 | 12/13/2014 | Common Stock | 6,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 30.68 | | 12/11/2009 | 12/11/2015 | Common Stock | 5,270 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SCHARLAU CHARLES E SUITE 125 2350 N. SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY EAST HOUSTON, TX 77032 | X | | | |

Signatures

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|---|---------------------|
| /s/ Melissa D. McCarty, Attorney-in-fact for Mr. Scharlau | 12/14/2009 |
| <small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small> | <small>Date</small> |

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) On August 31, 2009, 167,614 shares were transferred into the Charles Scharlau 2009 Retained Annuity Trust ("Charles Scharlau GRAT"). The reporting person will remain the Trustee for the GRAT account, and will continue to have indirect beneficial ownership of the stock.
 - (2) On August 31, 2009, the reporting person transferred 523,794 shares of Southwestern Energy Company stock into a Family LLC. The reporting person controls the LLC and therefore, has indirect beneficial ownership of the transferred shares.
 - (3) Restricted stock and nonqualified stock options granted in consideration of services as a director.

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- (4) Nonqualified stock options become exercisable in three equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date specified in Column 3 or immediately upon death, disability, retirement at age 65, or a change in control.

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