

HOWARD ROBERT L  
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# FORM 5

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**ANNUAL 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

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

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. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2011

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 Reporting

(check applicable line)

HOUSTON, TX 77032

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(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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/09/2010	Â	J5 <sup>(1)</sup>	22,500 D \$ 0 0		I	by Helen C. Howard GRAT; Helen C. Howard, Trustee
Common Stock	02/09/2010	Â	J5 <sup>(1)</sup>	22,500 A \$ 0 95,800		D	Â

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Common Stock	02/09/2010	Â	J5 <sup>(2)</sup>	22,500	D	\$ 0	0	I	by Robert L. Howard GRAT; Robert L. Howard Trustee
Common Stock	02/09/2010	Â	J5 <sup>(2)</sup>	22,500	A	\$ 0	95,800	D	Â
Common Stock	03/31/2011	Â	J <sup>(3)</sup>	45,000	D	\$ 0	95,800	D	Â
Common Stock	03/31/2011	Â	J <sup>(3)</sup>	45,000	A	\$ 0	45,000	I	By 2011 Family Limited Partnership
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	7,965	I	by Helen C. Howard 2009 GRAT; Helen C. Howard, Trustee
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	7,305	I	by Robert L. Howard 2009 GRAT; Robert L. Howard, Trustee

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)	8. Amount or Number	
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number

Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.1	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/31/2004	12/31/2013	Common Stock	64,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.335	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/11/2007	12/11/2013	Common Stock	6,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.18	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/13/2008	12/13/2014	Common Stock	6,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 36.22	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/09/2011	12/09/2017	Common Stock	4,550
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.68	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/11/2009	12/11/2015	Common Stock	5,270
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 40.73	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/10/2010	12/10/2016	Common Stock	3,960
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 36.87	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/08/2012	12/08/2018	Common Stock	4,450

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOWARD ROBERT L SUITE 125 2350 N. SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY EAST HOUSTON, TX 77032	Â X	Â	Â	Â

## Signatures

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

02/13/2012

\*\*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).

On February 9, 2010, 22,500 shares of stock held in the Helen C. Howard GRAT (the "HCH GRAT") were transferred out of the HCH GRAT and registered in the name of the reporting person and his spouse. Therefore, the reporting person now has direct beneficial ownership of the stock.

On February 9, 2010, 22,500 shares of stock held in the Robert L. Howard GRAT (the "RLH GRAT") were transferred out of the RLH GRAT and registered in the name of the reporting person and his spouse. Therefore, the reporting person now has direct beneficial ownership of the stock.

On March 31, 2011, the reporting person transferred 45,000 shares of Southwestern Energy Company stock into a Family Limited Partnership (the "2011 FLP"). The reporting person controls the general partner of the 2011 FLP and therefore, has indirect beneficial ownership of the transferred shares.

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