RELIANT ENERGY INC

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

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1 Name and Address of Departing Da

STAFF JOEL V			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RELIANT ENERGY INC [RRI]	Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle)		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	Tr			
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner			
1000 MAIN STREET, 12TH FLOOR		TH	03/18/2008	Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			

HOUSTON, TX 77002

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Fransaction Date 2A. Deemed			sed of 4 and (A)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/18/2008		S <u>(1)</u>	1,860	D	\$ 22.99	955,694	D	
Common Stock	03/18/2008		S(1)	1,860	D	\$ 23.13	953,834	D	
Common Stock	03/18/2008		S(1)	1,160	D	\$ 23.25	952,674	D	
Common Stock	03/18/2008		S(1)	1,860	D	\$ 23.2701	950,814	D	
Common Stock	03/18/2008		S <u>(1)</u>	700	D	\$ 23.28	950,114	D	

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Common Stock	03/18/2008	S(1)	3,020	D	\$ 23.31	947,094	D
Common Stock	03/18/2008	S <u>(1)</u>	1,860	D	\$ 23.33	945,234	D
Common Stock	03/18/2008	S(1)	1,860	D	\$ 23.3301	943,374	D
Common Stock	03/18/2008	S(1)	1,860	D	\$ 23.3501	941,514	D
Common Stock	03/18/2008	S(1)	2,360	D	\$ 23.36	939,154	D
Common Stock	03/18/2008	S(1)	200	D	\$ 23.37	938,954	D
Common Stock	03/19/2008	S <u>(1)</u>	1,860	D	\$ 23.33	937,094	D
Common Stock	03/19/2008	S(1)	1,860	D	\$ 23.34	935,234	D
Common Stock	03/19/2008	S(1)	3,720	D	\$ 23.3501	931,514	D
Common Stock	03/19/2008	S(1)	1,860	D	\$ 23.3601	929,654	D
Common Stock	03/19/2008	S(1)	1,860	D	\$ 23.41	927,794	D
Common Stock	03/19/2008	S(1)	1,860	D	\$ 23.45	925,934	D
Common Stock	03/19/2008	S(1)	1,860	D	\$ 23.68	924,074	D
Common Stock	03/19/2008	S(1)	160	D	\$ 23.77	923,914	D
Common Stock	03/19/2008	S(1)	1,400	D	\$ 23.78	922,514	D
Common Stock	03/19/2008	S(1)	300	D	\$ 23.785	922,214	D
Common Stock	03/19/2008	S <u>(1)</u>	1,860	D	\$ 23.89	920,354	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		ate	7. Title Amoun Underly Securiti (Instr. 3	t of ying es	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
FB	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
STAFF JOEL V 1000 MAIN STREET 12TH FLOOR HOUSTON, TX 77002	X						

Signatures

Joel V. Staff 03/20/2008

**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).

This sale is pursuant to Mr. Staff's 10b5-1 trading plan entered February 29, 2008, which includes the potential for sales to occur several times each month through March 4, 2009, provided the price per share is above a specified amount. The plan includes some of Mr. Staff's shares of Reliant common stock and does not include common stock underlying his Reliant common stock options.

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