

RELIANT ENERGY INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
STAFF JOEL V

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1000 MAIN STREET, 12TH FLOOR

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77002

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
RELIANT ENERGY INC [RRI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/18/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	03/18/2008		S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,860 D	\$ 22.99	955,694	D
Common Stock	03/18/2008		S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,860 D	\$ 23.13	953,834	D
Common Stock	03/18/2008		S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,160 D	\$ 23.25	952,674	D
Common Stock	03/18/2008		S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,860 D	\$ 23.2701	950,814	D
Common Stock	03/18/2008		S <sup>(1)</sup>	700 D	\$ 23.28	950,114	D

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Common Stock	03/18/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	3,020	D	\$ 23.31	947,094	D
Common Stock	03/18/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	1,860	D	\$ 23.33	945,234	D
Common Stock	03/18/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	1,860	D	\$ 23.3301	943,374	D
Common Stock	03/18/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	1,860	D	\$ 23.3501	941,514	D
Common Stock	03/18/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	2,360	D	\$ 23.36	939,154	D
Common Stock	03/18/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	200	D	\$ 23.37	938,954	D
Common Stock	03/19/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	1,860	D	\$ 23.33	937,094	D
Common Stock	03/19/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	1,860	D	\$ 23.34	935,234	D
Common Stock	03/19/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	3,720	D	\$ 23.3501	931,514	D
Common Stock	03/19/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	1,860	D	\$ 23.3601	929,654	D
Common Stock	03/19/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	1,860	D	\$ 23.41	927,794	D
Common Stock	03/19/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	1,860	D	\$ 23.45	925,934	D
Common Stock	03/19/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	1,860	D	\$ 23.68	924,074	D
Common Stock	03/19/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	160	D	\$ 23.77	923,914	D
Common Stock	03/19/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	1,400	D	\$ 23.78	922,514	D
Common Stock	03/19/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	300	D	\$ 23.785	922,214	D
Common Stock	03/19/2008	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></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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**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 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
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Code V (A) (D)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

STAFF JOEL V  
1000 MAIN STREET  
12TH FLOOR  
HOUSTON, TX 77002

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## 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 (1) 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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