

SWIFT VIRGIL N  
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 \*  
SWIFT VIRGIL N

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SWIFT ENERGY CO [SFY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
16825 NORTHCHASE DRIVE,  
SUITE 400  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/18/2008

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

HOUSTON, TX 77060

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 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 (D) Price			
SFY Cmmn Stk-Family Member					4,455	I	Held by Family Member
SFY Cmmn Stock-By Other Holdings					54,945	I	held in Family Partnership
SFY Cmmn Stock-IRA Holdings					6,121	I	Held in IRA
	02/18/2008		M	5,277 A	137,969	D	

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Swift Energy Common Stock						\$ 44.33		
Swift Energy Common Stock	02/18/2008		M	1,323	A	\$ 44.33	139,292	D
Swift Energy Common Stock	02/18/2008		F <sup>(3)</sup>	1,071	D	\$ 44.33	138,221	D
Swift Energy Common Stock	02/18/2008		F <sup>(4)</sup>	268	D	\$ 44.33	137,953	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)

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Option 2/18/2008 - 2/18/2010	\$ 44.33	02/18/2008		A <sup>(1)</sup>	1,071	02/18/2009	02/18/2010	Swift Energy Common Stock	1,071
Stock Option 2/18/2008 - 2/18/2010	\$ 44.33	02/18/2008		A <sup>(2)</sup>	268	02/18/2009	02/18/2010	Swift Energy Common Stock	268
	\$ 9	02/18/2008		M	5,277	12/09/1999	02/18/2008		5,277

SQ90 plan grt 12/9/1998 NQ exp 2/18/08										Swift Energy Common Stock	
SQ90 plan grt 12/9/1998 NQ exp 2/18/08	\$ 9	02/18/2008	M	1,323	12/09/1999	02/18/2008				Swift Energy Common Stock	1,323

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SWIFT VIRGIL N 16825 NORTHCHASE DRIVE, SUITE 400 HOUSTON, TX 77060				Director Emeritus

## Signatures

Alton D. Heckaman, Jr., POA for Virgil N.  
Swift 02/20/2008

\_\_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).
- (1) Grant of reload options pursuant to plan.
- (2) Grant of reload option pursuant to plan.
- (3) Payment of exercise price by delivery of 1,071 shares of issuer's common stock at \$44.33 per share, the closing price of issuer's stock on 2/15/2008.
- (4) Payment of exercise price by delivery of 268 shares of issuer's common stock at \$44.33 per share, the closing price of issuer's stock on 2/15/2008.

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