

RELIANT ENERGY INC
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
JINES MICHAEL L

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1000 MAIN STREET
(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)
03/10/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
SVP, Gen. Counsel & Corp. Sec.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/10/2006		F	2,295 D \$ 10.08	12,199	D	
Common Stock					778	I	401(K) Plan

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 of Shares
Employee Stock Option-Right To Buy	\$ 9.0038				(1)	03/02/2008	Common Stock	3,943
Employee Stock Option-Right To Buy	\$ 9.3308				(1)	03/01/2009	Common Stock	3,943
Employee Stock Option-Right To Buy	\$ 7.1507				(1)	02/24/2010	Common Stock	18,353
Employee Stock Option-Right To Buy	\$ 30				(1)	03/05/2011	Common Stock	52,520
Employee Stock Option-Right To Buy	\$ 10.9				(1)	02/29/2012	Common Stock	50,300
Employee Stock Option-Right To Buy	\$ 3.505				(1)	03/30/2013	Common Stock	16,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
			SVP, Gen. Counsel & Corp. Sec.	

JINES MICHAEL L
1000 MAIN STREET
HOUSTON, TX 77002

Signatures

/s/ Michael L.

Jines

03/14/2006

**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) All such stock options have vested.

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