

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)  
12/05/2008

\_\_\_\_ 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)
SFY Cmmn Stk-Family Member				(A) or (D)	3,000	I	Held by Family Member
SFY Cmmn Stock-By Other Holdings				(A) or (D)	37,000	I	held in Family Partnership
SFY Cmmn Stock-IRA Holdings				(A) or (D)	6,121	I	Held in IRA
	12/05/2008		M	12,000 A	127,502	D	

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Swift Energy Common Stock						\$ 17.88	
Swift Energy Common Stock	12/05/2008		F <sup>(2)</sup>	5,453	D	\$ 17.88	122,049 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option 12/5/08 - 12/5/10	\$ 17.88	12/05/2008		A <sup>(1)</sup>	5,453	12/05/2009	12/05/2010	Swift Energy Common Stock	5,453
SQ90 Plan grt 12/7/1998 ISO	\$ 8.125	12/05/2008		M	12,000	12/07/1999	12/07/2008	Swift Energy Common Stock	12,000

## 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

12/09/2008

\_\_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 option pursuant to plan.

(2) Payment of exercise price by delivery of 5,453 shares of issuer's common stock at \$17.88 per share, the closing price of issuer's stock on 12/4/08.

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