

SWIFT ENERGY CO  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**VINCENT BRUCE H**

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

**HOUSTON, TX 77060**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**02/20/2001**

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)  
**President and Sec'y**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| SFY Common Stock-401(k)         |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  |  |   |
| SFY Cmmn Stock-ESOP Holding     |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 401(k) Plan   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | ESOP Plan   |
| Swift Energy Common Stock       | 02/20/2001                           |  | M                              | 4,791   | A \$ 35.04  | 91,954   | D   |
| Swift Energy Common Stock       | 05/15/2008                           |  | S                              | 3,000   | D \$ 60   | 88,954   | D   |

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|                                 |            |                        |       |   |             |        |   |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------|-------|---|-------------|--------|---|
| Swift Energy<br>Common<br>Stock | 05/16/2008 | M                      | 3,625 | A | \$<br>49.61 | 92,579 | D |
| Swift Energy<br>Common<br>Stock | 05/16/2008 | M                      | 1,323 | A | \$<br>46.66 | 93,902 | D |
| Swift Energy<br>Common<br>Stock | 05/16/2008 | <u>F<sup>(3)</sup></u> | 4,011 | D | \$<br>60.17 | 89,891 | D |
| Swift Energy<br>Common<br>Stock | 05/16/2008 | <u>F<sup>(4)</sup></u> | 2,790 | D | \$<br>60.17 | 87,101 | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and<br>5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount<br>Underlying Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | Am<br>or<br>Nur<br>of<br>Sha       |    |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|------------------------------------|----|
|   |  |   |   | Code                                 | V (A) (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date   | Title                              |    |
| SQ01 Plan<br>grt<br>2/20/2001<br>ISO                | \$ 35.04   | 02/20/2001                              |   | M                                    |   | 02/20/2002   | 02/20/2011   | Swift<br>Energy<br>Common<br>Stock | 4, |
| Stock<br>Option<br>5/16/2008 -<br>5/16/2010         | \$ 60.17   | 05/16/2008                              |   | <u>A<sup>(1)</sup></u>               | 4,011   | 05/16/2009   | 05/16/2010   | Swift<br>Energy<br>Common<br>Stock | 4, |
| Stock<br>Option<br>5/16/2008 -<br>2/21/2011         | \$ 60.17   | 05/16/2008                              |   | <u>A<sup>(2)</sup></u>               | 2,790   | 05/16/2009   | 02/21/2011   | Swift<br>Energy<br>Common<br>Stock | 2, |
| SQ05 Grt<br>11/08/2006                              | \$ 49.61   | 05/16/2008                              |   | M                                    | 3,625   | 11/08/2007   | 11/08/2008   | Swift<br>Energy                    | 3, |

exp  
11/8/2008

Common  
Stock

SQ90 Plan

grt  
11/21/2005; \$ 46.66 05/16/2008

M

1,323 11/21/2006 12/07/2008

Swift  
Energy  
Common  
Stock

exp  
12/07/08

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                     |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer             | Other |
| VINCENT BRUCE H<br>16825 NORTHCHASE DRIVE, SUITE 400<br>HOUSTON, TX 77060 |               |           | President and Sec'y |       |

## Signatures

Bruce H. Vincent 05/19/2008

\_\_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) Grant of reload option pursuant to plan.
- (3) Payment of exercise price by delivery of 4,011 shares of issuer's common stock at \$60.17 per share, the closing price of issuer's stock on 5/15/2008.
- (4) Payment of exercise price by delivery of 2,790 shares of issuer's common stock at \$60.17 per share, the closing price of issuer's stock on 5/15/2008.

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