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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 \*  
 Hency Dee W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY CO  
 [SWN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 SUITE 125, 2350 N. SAM  
 HOUSTON PARKWAY EAST  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/23/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Senior Vice President

HOUSTON, TX 77032

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	12/23/2010		M		30,928 A \$ 2.645	154,432	D
Common Stock	12/23/2010		M		3,084 A \$ 20.335	157,516	D
Common Stock	12/23/2010		M		2,303 A \$ 27.18	159,819	D
Common Stock	12/23/2010		M		1,592 A \$ 30.68	161,411	D
Common Stock	12/23/2010		S		37,907 D \$ 36.1601	123,504	D

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Common Stock	19,062.4557	I	By 401(k) Plan
Common Stock	800	I	By Child
Common Stock	95,586	I	By Spouse

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	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.645	12/23/2010		M	30,928	12/10/2004 12/10/2013	Common Stock	30,928	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.335	12/23/2010		M	3,084	12/11/2007 12/11/2013	Common Stock	3,084	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.18	12/23/2010		M	2,303	12/13/2008 12/13/2014	Common Stock	2,303	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.68	12/23/2010		M	1,592	12/11/2009 12/11/2015	Common Stock	1,592	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hency Dee W SUITE 125 2350 N. SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY EAST HOUSTON, TX 77032			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ Melissa D. McCarty, Attorney-in-Fact for Mr. Hency	12/27/2010
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

## 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).

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