

KERLEY GREGORY D  
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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 \*  
KERLEY GREGORY D

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/08/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Executive Vice President & CFO

(Street)  
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  
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(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 (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/08/2011 <sup>(1)</sup>		A	14,530 A \$ 0	1,140,511	D	
Common Stock	12/08/2011		J <sup>(2)</sup>	V 164.8568 A \$ 40.108	25,513.3806	I	By 401(k) Plan
Common Stock					1,429	I	By JGH Irrevocable Trust; Greg D. Kerley, Grantor
Common					710	I	By PAK

Stock							Irrevocable Trust; Greg D. Kerley, Grantor
Common Stock				710	I		By TMH Irrevocable Trust; Greg D. Kerley, Grantor

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 36.87	12/08/2011 <sup>(1)</sup>		A	29,270	12/08/2012 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/08/2018	Common Stock	29,270
Phantom Stock	<sup>(4)</sup>					<sup>(5)</sup>	<sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock	51,580
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.435					12/11/2003	12/11/2012	Common Stock	152,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.645					12/10/2004	12/10/2013	Common Stock	216,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.225					12/09/2005	12/09/2011	Common Stock	102,000

Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.745	12/08/2006	12/08/2012	Common Stock	41,
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.335	12/11/2007	12/11/2013	Common Stock	38,
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.18	12/13/2008	12/13/2014	Common Stock	40,
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.68	12/11/2009	12/11/2015	Common Stock	31,
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 36.22	12/09/2011	12/09/2017	Common Stock	27,
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 40.73	12/10/2010	12/10/2016	Common Stock	21,

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KERLEY GREGORY D SUITE 125 2350 N. SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY EAST HOUSTON, TX 77032	X		Executive Vice President & CFO	

## Signatures

/s/ Melissa D. McCarty, Attorney-in-fact for Mr. Kerley 12/12/2011

\_\_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) Restricted stock and incentive stock options granted in consideration of services as an officer.
- (2) Purchased through the Company's 401(k) plan from December 9, 2010 through December 8, 2011. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated December 8, 2011.

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- (3) Incentive stock options become exercisable in three equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date specified in Column 3 or immediately upon death, disability, retirement at age 65, or a change in control.
- (4) Each share of phantom stock, which is currently held in the Southwestern Energy Company Nonqualified Retirement Plan investment fund, represents the right to receive the economic equivalent of one share of Southwestern Energy Company common stock.
- (5) Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following termination of the reporting person's employment with Southwestern Energy Company. The reporting person may transfer his phantom stock account into an alternative investment account at any time.

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