

MITCHELL JAMES P
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**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 *
MITCHELL JAMES P

(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)
02/13/2012

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)
Sr VP-CT&Land

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) | 3,436 ⁽¹⁾ | I | 401(k) Plan |
| SFY Cmmn Stock-ESOP Holding | | | | (A) | 1,119 ⁽²⁾ | I | ESOP Plan |
| Swift Energy Common Stock | 02/13/2012 | | A | 5,800 A | \$ 0 40,057 | 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Stock Option | \$ 32.63 | 02/13/2012 | | A | 8,300 | 02/13/2013 ⁽³⁾ 02/13/2022 | Swift Energy Common Stock |
| - | | | | | | | 8,300 |
| 2/13/2022 | | | | | | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MITCHELL JAMES P 16825 NORTHCHASE DRIVE, SUITE 400 HOUSTON, TX 77060 | | | Sr VP-CT&Land | |

Signatures

Laurent A. Baillargeon, POA for James P. Mitchell
Date: 02/15/2012

**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) Based on statement dated 1/30/2011.

(2) Based on statement dated 12/31/2010.

(3) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 13, 2013.

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