

RELIANT ENERGY INC

Form 4

February 21, 2008

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
JACOBS MARK M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1000 MAIN STREET

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77002

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
RELIANT ENERGY INC [RRI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/19/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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)
Common Stock	02/19/2008		A	55,851 A	\$ 0 669,355 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock					534	I	By 401(K) Plan ⁽²⁾

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option-Right To Buy	\$ 4.79							(3)	07/28/2012	Common Stock	179
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Employee Stock Option-Right To Buy	\$ 3.505							(3)	03/10/2013	Common Stock	212
Employee Stock Option-Right To Buy	\$ 8.135							(3)	02/12/2014	Common Stock	489
Employee Stock Option-Right To Buy	\$ 16.26							(4)	02/19/2017	Common Stock	58,
Employee Stock Option-Right To Buy	\$ 26.365							(5)	05/15/2017	Common Stock	80,
Employee Stock Option-Right To Buy	\$ 23.375	02/19/2008		A		119,680		(6)	02/18/2018	Common Stock	119

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
	President and CEO

JACOBS MARK M
1000 MAIN STREET
HOUSTON, TX 77002

Signatures

Mark M. Jacobs

02/21/2008

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) Includes 1,757 shares acquired under the Reliant Energy, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) Based on a plan statement as of December 31, 2007.
- (3) All such stock options have vested.
- (4) 19,342 of such stock options have vested. The remaining 38,684 become exercisable in two equal annual installments beginning February 20, 2009.
- (5) These stock options vest in three equal annual installments beginning May 16, 2008.
- (6) These stock options vest in three equal annual installments beginning February 19, 2009.

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