

RELIANT ENERGY INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
 TAYLOR KAREN D

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1000 MAIN STREET, 12TH FLOOR
 (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
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP, HR, Chief Diversity Offer

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)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/19/2008		A	4,711 A \$ 0	67,280 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock					1,531	I	By 401(K) Plan ⁽²⁾
Common Stock					2,000	I	By husband

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 of Shares
Employee Stock Option-Right To Buy	\$ 9.3308					(3)	03/01/2009	Common Stock	4,73
Employee Stock Option-Right To Buy	\$ 7.1507					(3)	02/24/2010	Common Stock	8,5
Employee Stock Option-Right To Buy	\$ 30					(3)	03/05/2011	Common Stock	14,9
Employee Stock Option-Right To Buy	\$ 10.9					(3)	02/29/2012	Common Stock	9,00
Employee Stock Option-Right To Buy	\$ 3.505					(3)	03/30/2013	Common Stock	11,0
Employee Stock Option-Right To Buy	\$ 8.135					(3)	02/12/2014	Common Stock	217,6
Employee Stock Option-Right To Buy	\$ 16.26					(4)	02/19/2017	Common Stock	13,4
Employee Stock Option-Right To Buy	\$ 23.375	02/19/2008		A	10,095	(5)	02/18/2018	Common Stock	10,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TAYLOR KAREN D 1000 MAIN STREET 12TH FLOOR HOUSTON, TX 77002			SVP, HR, Chief Diversity Officer	

Signatures

Karen D. Taylor 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) 4,499 of such stock options have vested. The remaining 8,998 become exercisable in two equal annual installments beginning February 20, 2009.
- (5) These stock options vest in three equal annual installments beginning February 19, 2009.

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