

BARNETT E WILLIAM
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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 *
BARNETT E WILLIAM

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1000 MAIN STREET, 12TH FLOOR

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77002

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/19/2010

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)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common stock	05/19/2010		A	14,040 (1)	\$ 0 155,745	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)

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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 (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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)
Cash Units	(2)	05/19/2010		A	6,915	(2) (2)	Common Stock	6,915

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BARNETT E WILLIAM 1000 MAIN STREET 12TH FLOOR HOUSTON, TX 77002	X			

Signatures

/s/ E. William
Barnett

05/21/2010

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- Comprised entirely of restricted stock units. In accordance with the Non-Employee Directors' Compensation Program effective January 1,
- (1) 2010, each non-employee director of RRI Energy, Inc. receives an annual grant of restricted stock units under the terms of the RRI Energy, Inc. 2002 Long Term Incentive Plan.
- (2) Each cash unit is the economic equivalent of one share of RRI Energy, Inc. common stock. The cash units are payable in cash within 90 days after the director terminates service as a member of the Board.

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