

SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY CO

Form 8-K

May 31, 2006

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**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): April 27, 2006**

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**SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY COMPANY**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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**Arkansas**

**(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)**

**1-8246**  
**(Commission File Number)**

**71-0205415**  
**(IRS Employer Identification No.)**

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2350 N. Sam Houston Pkwy. E., Suite 300,

Houston, Texas

(Address of principal executive offices)

77032

(Zip Code)

(281) 618-4700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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**SECTION 1 - Registrant's Business and Operations**

**Item 1.01 Entry Into A Material Definitive Agreement.**

On April 27, 2006, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Southwestern Energy Company (the "Company"), pursuant to the authority granted to the Committee under Section 4 of both the Southwestern Energy Company 2004 Stock Incentive Plan (the "2004 Plan") and the Southwestern Energy Company 2000 Employee Stock Incentive Plan (the "2000 Plan"), determined that all incentive awards granted to director John Paul Hammerschmidt under the 2004 Plan and the 2000 Plan that were unvested as of April 27, 2006 (the "Accelerated Vesting Date") were deemed to be fully vested on the Accelerated Vesting Date. Mr. Hammerschmidt retired from the Company's Board of Directors effective May 25, 2006.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY COMPANY**

Dated: May 31, 2006

By: /s/ GREG D. KERLEY

Name: Greg D. Kerley  
Title: Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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