SWIFT ENERGY CO

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **SWIFT A EARL**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

(Last) (First) SWIFT ENERGY CO [SFY]

16825 NORTHCHASE DRIVE,

(Street)

(State)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

(Middle)

(Zip)

SUITE 400

(City)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

12/21/2004

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

below)

HOUSTON, TX 77060

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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	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/21/2004	12/21/2004	S	300	D	\$ 29.69	154,549	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2004	12/21/2004	S	400	D	\$ 29.7	154,149	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2004	12/21/2004	S	100	D	\$ 29.71	154,049	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2004	12/21/2004	S	300	D	\$ 29.73	153,749	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2004	12/21/2004	S	100	D	\$ 29.74	153,649	D	

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Common Stock	12/21/2004	12/21/2004	S	300	D	\$ 29.75	153,349	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2004	12/21/2004	S	400	D	\$ 29.76	152,949	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2004	12/21/2004	S	200	D	\$ 29.77	152,749	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2004	12/21/2004	S	700	D	\$ 29.78	152,049	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2004	12/21/2004	S	500	D	\$ 29.79	151,549	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2004	12/21/2004	S	700	D	\$ 29.8	150,849	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2004	12/21/2004	S	200	D	\$ 29.81	150,649	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2004	12/21/2004	S	400	D	\$ 29.83	150,249	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2004	12/21/2004	S	100	D	\$ 29.85	150,149	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2004	12/21/2004	S	100	D	\$ 29.9	150,049	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2004	12/21/2004	S	200	D	\$ 29.91	149,849	D	
Common Stock							8,267	I	401(k)
Common Stock							958	I	ESOP
Common Stock							944	I	by Family Member

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orNumber	Expiration Date	Amount of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/Year)	Underlying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivativ	re	Securities	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities	S	(Instr. 3 and 4)		Own
	Security				Acquired				Follo
					(A) or				Repo

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Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable

Expiration Title Amount Date

or Number

of Shares

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address 10% Owner Officer Other Director **SWIFT A EARL** 16825 NORTHCHASE DRIVE, SUITE 400 X

Signatures

HOUSTON, TX 77060

Karen Bryant POA for A. Earl Swift

12/22/2004

**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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