

RELIANT ENERGY INC  
Form 8-K  
April 18, 2006

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**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 18, 2006**

**RELIANT ENERGY, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**1-16455**  
(Commission File Number)

**76-0655566**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**1000 Main Street**  
**Houston, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**77002**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(713) 497-3000**

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**In this Current Report on Form 8-K (Form 8-K), Reliant Energy refers to Reliant Energy, Inc., and we, us and our refer to Reliant Energy and its subsidiaries.**

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

**On** April 18, 2006, we entered into a settlement agreement with stockholder Seneca Capital, L.P., the material terms of which are set forth in the press release, dated April 18, 2006, attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report. A copy of the settlement agreement is attached as Exhibit 10.1 to this report.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits:

**10.1** Settlement Agreement, dated as of April 18, 2006, between Reliant Energy, Inc. and Seneca Capital, L.P.

**99.1** Press Release dated April 18, 2006

**SIGNATURE**

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.

**RELIANT ENERGY, INC.**  
(Registrant)

Date: April 18, 2006

By: */s/ Thomas C. Livengood*  
Thomas C. Livengood  
*Senior Vice President and Controller*

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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