

MUELLER STEVEN L  
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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 \*  
 MUELLER STEVEN L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY CO  
 [SWN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President & CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 SUITE 125, 2350 N. SAM  
 HOUSTON PARKWAY EAST  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/06/2012

HOUSTON, TX 77032

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	12/06/2012 <sup>(1)</sup>		A	43,920	A \$ 0	193,093	D
Common Stock	12/08/2012		F	3,570	D \$ 34.38	189,523	D
Common Stock	12/09/2012		F	3,512	D \$ 34.38	186,011	D
Common Stock	12/10/2012		F	2,793	D \$ 34.38	183,218	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)

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 or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.5	12/06/2012 <sup>(1)</sup>		A	89,020	12/06/2013 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/06/2019	Common Stock	89,020
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 36.87					12/08/2012	12/08/2018	Common Stock	78,890
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 36.22					12/09/2011	12/09/2017	Common Stock	74,590
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 40.73					12/10/2010	12/10/2016	Common Stock	60,320
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.68					12/11/2009	12/11/2015	Common Stock	47,460
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 44.34					06/02/2009	06/02/2015	Common Stock	17,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

MUELLER STEVEN L  
SUITE 125  
2350 N. SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY EAST  
HOUSTON, TX 77032

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President & CEO

## Signatures

/s/ Melissa D. McCarty, Attorney-in-Fact for Mr.  
Mueller

12/10/2012

\_\_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) Restricted stock and incentive stock options granted in consideration of services as an officer.
- (2) Incentive stock options become exercisable in three equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date specified in Column 3 or immediately upon death, disability, retirement at age 65, or a change in control.

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