RELIANT ENERGY INC

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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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and A STAFF JOE | Symbol | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
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| | RELIA | RELIANT ENERGY INC [RRI] | | | | (Check all applicable) | | | | |
| (Last) | (First) (M | | Earliest Tra | ansaction | | | | | | |
| 1000 MAIN | | (Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2008 | | | | X Director Officer (gives below) | | 6 Owner er (specify | | |
| FLOOR | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Street) 4. | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| HOUSTON, | Filed(Mor | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tabl | e I - Non-D | erivative S | Securi | ties Ac | quired, Disposed | of, or Beneficia | lly Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. SecurionAcquirec Disposec (Instr. 3, | d (A) o |)) | 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) | |
| Common Stock | 01/02/2008 | | A | 1,832 (1) | A | \$0 | 1,037,554 | D | | |

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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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| | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | | 7. Titl | | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
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| Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Transact Code (Instr. 8) | orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | : | | Amou Under Securi (Instr. | lying | Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| r g | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| STAFF JOEL V 1000 MAIN STREET 12TH FLOOR HOUSTON, TX 77002 | X | | | | | | |

Signatures

Joel V. Staff 01/04/2008

**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) Comprised of (i) 1,465 shares of common stock and (ii) 367 shares of restricted stock representing director fees earned during the fourth quarter of 2007.

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