

RELIANT ENERGY INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**JACOBS MARK M**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1000 MAIN STREET  
 (Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77002

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**RELIANT ENERGY INC [RRI]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/19/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 President and CEO

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

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/19/2008		A	55,851 A \$ 0	669,355 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					534	I	By 401(K) Plan <sup>(2)</sup>

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Shares
Employee Stock Option-Right To Buy	\$ 4.79					(3)	07/28/2012	Common Stock	179
Employee Stock Option-Right To Buy	\$ 4.79					(3)	07/28/2012	Common Stock	139
Employee Stock Option-Right To Buy	\$ 3.505					(3)	03/10/2013	Common Stock	212
Employee Stock Option-Right To Buy	\$ 8.135					(3)	02/12/2014	Common Stock	489
Employee Stock Option-Right To Buy	\$ 16.26					(4)	02/19/2017	Common Stock	58,
Employee Stock Option-Right To Buy	\$ 26.365					(5)	05/15/2017	Common Stock	80,
Employee Stock Option-Right To Buy	\$ 23.375	02/19/2008		A	119,680	(6)	02/18/2018	Common Stock	119

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
			President and CEO	

JACOBS MARK M  
1000 MAIN STREET  
HOUSTON, TX 77002

## Signatures

Mark M. Jacobs                      02/21/2008

          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) Includes 1,757 shares acquired under the Reliant Energy, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) Based on a plan statement as of December 31, 2007.
- (3) All such stock options have vested.
- (4) 19,342 of such stock options have vested. The remaining 38,684 become exercisable in two equal annual installments beginning February 20, 2009.
- (5) These stock options vest in three equal annual installments beginning May 16, 2008.
- (6) These stock options vest in three equal annual installments beginning February 19, 2009.

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