

RELIANT ENERGY INC
Form 8-K
April 18, 2006

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

 - o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
-

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

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description
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