

RELIANT ENERGY INC
Form 8-K
May 25, 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): **May 19, 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) and in the exhibit included as part of this report, 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 May 19, 2006, we awarded each of our non-employee directors a grant of 6,000 shares of our restricted common stock in accordance with previously disclosed changes to our non-employee directors' stock program. The grants are subject to a restricted stock agreement, the form of which is filed with this Form 8-K as exhibit 10.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

10.1 Form of 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Award Agreement for Directors

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: May 25, 2006

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

EXHIBIT INDEX

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