#### RELIANT ENERGY INC

Form 4 April 17, 2008

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(City)

(State)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * STAFF JOEL V			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RELIANT ENERGY INC [RRI]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an approacte)			
			(Month/Day/Year)	_X_ Director 10% Owner			
1000 MAIN STREET, 12TH FLOOR		ГН	04/15/2008	Officer (give title Other (specification) below)			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
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(City)	(State)	Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	e Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	omr Dispo (Instr. 3,	sed of 4 and (A) or	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)
Common Stock	04/15/2008		Code V $S_{\underline{(1)}}^{(1)}$	Amount 1,600	(D)	Price \$ 25.53	883,477	D	
Common Stock	04/15/2008		S <u>(1)</u>	2,075	D	\$ 25.72	881,402	D	
Common Stock	04/15/2008		S(1)	2,000	D	\$ 25.74	879,402	D	
Common Stock	04/15/2008		S <u>(1)</u>	1,925	D	\$ 25.7422	877,477	D	
Common Stock	04/15/2008		S <u>(1)</u>	1,500	D	\$ 25.66	875,977	D	

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Common Stock	04/15/2008	S <u>(1)</u>	3,500	D	\$ 25.75	872,477	D
Common Stock	04/15/2008	S <u>(1)</u>	99	D	\$ 25.83	872,378	D
Common Stock	04/15/2008	S <u>(1)</u>	2,400	D	\$ 25.8321	869,978	D
Common Stock	04/15/2008	S <u>(1)</u>	1	D	\$ 25.84	869,977	D
Common Stock	04/15/2008	S <u>(1)</u>	2,800	D	\$ 25.87	867,177	D
Common Stock	04/15/2008	S <u>(1)</u>	200	D	\$ 25.88	866,977	D
Common Stock	04/15/2008	S <u>(1)</u>	500	D	\$ 25.99	866,477	D
Common Stock	04/16/2008	S <u>(1)</u>	60	D	\$ 25.73	866,417	D
Common Stock	04/16/2008	S <u>(1)</u>	1,800	D	\$ 25.7311	864,617	D
Common Stock	04/16/2008	S <u>(1)</u>	1,860	D	\$ 25.76	862,757	D
Common Stock	04/16/2008	S <u>(1)</u>	1,860	D	\$ 25.79	860,897	D
Common Stock	04/16/2008	S <u>(1)</u>	1,860	D	\$ 25.84	859,037	D
Common Stock	04/16/2008	S(1)	1,860	D	\$ 25.86	857,177	D
Common Stock	04/16/2008	S(1)	1,860	D	\$ 25.93	855,317	D
Common Stock	04/16/2008	S <u>(1)</u>	5,640	D	\$ 25.98	849,677	D
Common Stock	04/16/2008	S(1)	1,800	D	\$ 25.9811	847,877	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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1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transacti	5.	6. Date Exerc Expiration Da		7. Title and Amount of	8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(i.i.dia. Dayi Teal)	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of	(Month/Day/) e		Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title Amour or Number of Shares	er	

# **Reporting Owners**

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

### **Signatures**

Joel V. Staff 04/17/2008

\*\*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).

This sale is pursuant to Mr. Staff's 10b5-1 trading plan entered February 29, 2008, which includes the potential for sales to occur several times each month through March 4, 2009, provided the price per share is above a specified amount. The plan includes some of Mr. Staff's shares of Reliant common stock and does not include common stock underlying his Reliant common stock options.

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