

SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY CO  
 Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Thaeler John D (Last) (First) (Middle)  2350 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY EAST, SUITE 300 (Street)  HOUSTON, TX 77032 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 12/11/2006	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY CO [SWN]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)  <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Sr. Vice Pres. of Subsidiary	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	106,995.2865	D	À
Common Stock	13,617.4276	I	by 401(k) Plan
Common Stock	27,701.9112	I	by Nonqualified Retirement Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying	4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	Ownership (Instr. 5)
Stock Options (Right to buy)	12/14/2001	12/14/2010	Common Stock	28,000	\$ 1.8594	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to buy)	10/11/2000	10/11/2009	Common Stock	12,400	\$ 2.2657	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to buy)	12/20/2002	12/20/2011	Common Stock	21,000	\$ 2.41	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to buy)	12/11/2003	12/11/2012	Common Stock	39,000	\$ 2.865	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to buy)	12/10/2004	12/10/2013	Common Stock	25,320	\$ 5.285	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to buy)	12/09/2005	12/09/2011	Common Stock	9,600	\$ 12.45	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to buy)	12/08/2006	12/08/2012	Common Stock	5,760	\$ 35.49	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Thaeler John D 2350 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY EAST SUITE 300 HOUSTON, TX 77032	Â	Â	Â Sr. Vice Pres. of Subsidiary	Â

## Signatures

Melissa D. McCarty, Attorney-in-Fact for John D. Thaeler  
12/12/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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