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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement SWIFT ENERGY CO [SFY] Banks Robert J. (Month/Day/Year) 02/11/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 16825 NORTHCHASE DRIVE, (Check all applicable) SUITE 400 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Executive VP and COO Person HOUSTON, TXÂ 77060 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â D Swift Energy Common Stock 20,100 SFY Common Stock-401(k) 598 I Through 401(k) SFY Cmmn Stock-ESOP Holding 112 I Through ESOP Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of 4. 5. 6. Nature of Indirect (Instr. 4) Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership

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| | | | Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | or Exercise Price of | Form of Derivative | (Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---|------------|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Derivative Security | Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
| Stock Option - 2/6/04 - 2/6/14 | (1) | 02/06/2014 | Swift Energy Common Stock | 7,000 | \$ 16.16 | D | Â |
| Stock Option - 11/8/04 - 11/8/2014 | (2) | 11/08/2014 | Swift Energy Common Stock | 4,100 | \$ 25.18 | D | Â |
| Stock Option - 2/7/06 - 2/7/16 | (3) | 02/07/2016 | Swift Energy Common Stock | 4,500 | \$ 44.24 | D | Â |
| Stock Option - 2/6/07 - 2/6/17 | (4) | 02/06/2017 | Swift Energy Common Stock | 11,500 | \$ 43.48 | D | Â |
| Stock Option 2/11/2008 - 2/11/2018 | (5) | 02/11/2018 | Swift Energy Common Stock | 13,700 | \$ 43.21 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | | Relationships | | | | |
|---|----------|---------------|----------------------|-------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| Banks Robert J. 16825 NORTHCHASE DRIVE, SUITE 400 HOUSTON, TX 77060 | Â | Â | Executive VP and COO | Â | | |

Signatures

Robert J. Banks 02/21/2008

**Signature of Person

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Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning on 02/06/2005.
- (2) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 11/08/2005.
- (3) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 02/07/2007.

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- (4) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 02/06/2008.
- (5) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning on 02/11/2009.

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