

STAFF JOEL V
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(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)
1000 MAIN STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/06/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman and CEO

HOUSTON, TX 77002
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V	Amount (A) or Price (D)		
Common Stock	12/06/2005			P	200 \$ 9.55	D	
Common Stock	12/06/2005			P	18,500 \$ 9.54	D	
Common Stock	12/06/2005			P	10,700 \$ 9.53	D	
Common Stock	12/06/2005			P	20,600 \$ 9.51	D	(1)

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option-Right To Buy	\$ 3.515					(2)	03/12/2013	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option-Right To Buy	\$ 4.885					(3)	05/08/2013	Common Stock	550,315
Stock Option-Right To Buy	\$ 4.42					(4)	08/28/2013	Common Stock	633,125

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STAFF JOEL V 1000 MAIN STREET HOUSTON, TX 77002	X		Chairman and CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Joel V. Staff 12/07/2005

**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).

(1) Includes 11,380 shares acquired under the Reliant Energy, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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(2) 3,333 of such stock options have vested. The remaining 1,667 stock options will vest on March 12, 2006.

(3) All options have vested.

(4) 422,083 of such stock options have vested. The remaining 211,042 stock options will vest on August 28, 2006.

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