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## FORM 3

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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 Person \* A Ponder Randall D

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

06/01/2012

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY CO [SWN]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

2350 N. SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY EAST, Â SUITE 125

(Street)

Director \_X\_\_ Officer

10% Owner Other

6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) Sr. Vice Pres. of Subsidiary \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

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HOUSTON. TXÂ 77032

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form:

(I)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect

(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

28,300

D

Common Stock

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2,253,2377

by 401(k) 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 **Derivative Security** 

4. Conversion or Exercise

Ownership Form of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Phantom Stock	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	2,549.4713	\$ <u>(2)</u>	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy) (3)	12/08/2006	12/08/2012	Common Stock	5,420	\$ 17.745	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy) (3)	12/11/2007	12/11/2013	Common Stock	5,820	\$ 20.335	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy) (3)	12/13/2008	12/13/2014	Common Stock	6,580	\$ 27.18	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy) (3)	12/11/2009	12/11/2015	Common Stock	8,190	\$ 30.68	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy) (3)	12/10/2010	12/10/2016	Common Stock	5,660	\$ 40.73	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy) (3)	12/09/2011	12/09/2017	Common Stock	6,510	\$ 36.22	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy) (3)	12/08/2012	12/08/2018	Common Stock	56,780	\$ 36.87	D	Â

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Ponder Randall D 2350 N. SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY EAST SUITE 125 HOUSTON, TX 77032	Â	Â	Sr. Vice Pres. of Subsidiary	Â	

## **Signatures**

/s/ Melissa D. McCarty, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Ponder

06/07/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

### **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) Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following termination of the reporting person's employment with Southwestern Energy Company. The reporting person may transfer his phantom stock account into an alternative investment account at any time.
- (2) Each share of phantom stock currently held in the Southwestern Energy Company Nonqualified Retirement Plan (the "NQ Plan") represents the right to receive the economic equivalent of one share of Southwestern Energy Company common stock.

(3)

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Stock options become exercisable in three equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date specified in Column 3 or immediately upon death, disability, retirement at age 65, or a change in control.

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