

RELIANT ENERGY INC
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FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 LIVENGOOD THOMAS C

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1000 MAIN STREET

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77002

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 RELIANT ENERGY INC [RRI]

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Vice President and Controller

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(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)	(A) or (D)	Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	11/19/2004		G	950	D	\$ ⁽²⁾	25,806 ⁽³⁾	D	
Common Stock							255	I	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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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)
Employee Stock Option-Right to Buy	\$ 4.95	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â (4)	09/02/2012	Common Stock 30,000
Employee Stock Option-Right to Buy	\$ 3.505	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â (5)	03/10/2013	Common Stock 33,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LIVENGOOD THOMAS C 1000 MAIN STREET HOUSTON, TX 77002	Â	Â	Â Vice President and Controller	Â

Signatures

Thomas C. Livengood 02/14/2005

**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) Bona fide gift of securities to charity exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-5 and eligible for deferred reporting pursuant to 16a-3(f)(1)
- (2) Not applicable
- (3) Includes 7,891 shares acquired under the Reliant Energy, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (4) 20,000 of such stock options are vested. The remaining 10,000 stock options will vest on September 3, 2005.
- (5) 11,166 of such stock options are vested. The remaining 22,334 stock options will vest in two equal installments on March 11, 2005 and March 11, 2006.

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