

LANDRUM BRIAN  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
LANDRUM BRIAN

(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. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/22/2005

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)  
SVP, Customer Operations & IT

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price                                    |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/22/2005                           |  | A                              | 3,900 A \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>                                       | 73,599 <sup>(2)</sup>   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/22/2005                           |  | F                              | 1,274 D \$ 12.49  | 72,325  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,193   | 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)

| 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) | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Employee Stock Option - Right To Buy       | \$ 7.1507  |                                      |  |                                |   | (3) 02/24/2010   | Common Stock  | 15,772  |
| Employee Stock Option - Right To Buy       | \$ 30  |                                      |  |                                |   | (3) 03/05/2011   | Common Stock  | 43,520  |
| Employee Stock Option - Right To Buy       | \$ 10.9  |                                      |  |                                |   | (4) 02/29/2012   | Common Stock  | 47,600  |
| Employee Stock Option - Right To Buy       | \$ 3.505   |                                      |  |                                |   | (5) 03/10/2013   | Common Stock  | 39,195  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                         | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| LANDRUM BRIAN<br>1000 MAIN STREET<br>HOUSTON, TX 77002 |               |           | SVP, Customer Operations & IT |       |

## Signatures

Brian Landrum

02/24/2005

\*\*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) Performance shares granted for the 2002-2004 performance cycle.
- (2) Includes 3,329 shares acquired under the Reliant Energy, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) All such stock options have vested.
- (4) 31,733 stock options have vested. The remaining 15,867 stock options will vest on March 1, 2005.
- (5) 13,065 stock options have vested. The remaining 26,130 stock options will vest in two equal installments on March 11, 2005 and March 11, 2006.

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