

TRANSIER WILLIAM L

Form 4

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
TRANSIER WILLIAM L

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/19/2006

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)

HOUSTON, TX 77002

☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 05/19/2006                              |                                                             | A                                       | 6,000<br>(A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                  | \$ 0<br>(1)<br>60,598                                                                                              | D                                                                    |                                                                   |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5.<br>Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |     | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                    | 8.<br>D<br>S<br>(I |                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V                                                                                                                     | (A)                                                            | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                                                 | Expiration<br>Date | Title              | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Stock<br>Option-Right<br>To Buy                     | \$ 3.515                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                       |                                                                |     | <u>(2)</u>                                                          | 03/12/2013         | Common<br>Stock    | 5,000                                  |
| Stock<br>Option-Right<br>To Buy                     | \$ 9.84                                                               |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                       |                                                                |     | <u>(3)</u>                                                          | 06/02/2014         | Common<br>Stock    | 5,000                                  |
| Stock<br>Option-Right<br>To Buy                     | \$ 12.465                                                             |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                       |                                                                |     | <u>(4)</u>                                                          | 06/07/2015         | Common<br>Stock    | 5,000                                  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |         |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                             | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| TRANSIER WILLIAM L<br>1000 MAIN STREET<br>HOUSTON, TX 77002 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ William L.  
Transier

05/23/2006

\_\_\_\_\_  
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).

Comprised entirely of restricted stock. In accordance with the Director Compensation Program, amended by the Company's

(1) Compensation Committee in November 2005, each non-employee director of Reliant Energy, Inc. receives an annual grant of 6,000 shares of restricted stock under the terms of the Reliant Energy, Inc. 2002 Long Term Incentive Plan.

(2) All such stock options have vested.

(3) 1,666 of such stock options have vested. The remaining 3,334 become exercisable in two equal annual installments beginning June 2, 2006.

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(4) These stock options vest in three equal annual installments beginning June 7, 2006.

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