

RELIANT ENERGY INC  
Form 8-K  
February 22, 2008

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

February 20, 2008

Reliant Energy, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-16455

76-0655566

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

1000 Main Street, Houston, Texas

77002

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(713) 497-3000

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)  
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 Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))  
 Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

In this Current Report on Form 8-K (Form 8-K) included as part of this report, "Reliant Energy" refers to Reliant Energy, Inc., and "we," "us" and "our" refer to Reliant Energy and its subsidiaries.

On February 20, 2008, Sarah Barpoulis notified the Board of Directors of Reliant Energy that, due to personal reasons, she will not stand for reelection at our 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Ms. Barpoulis' decision not to stand for reelection was not the result of any disagreement with Reliant Energy. She will continue to serve on our Board until the end of her current term.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

*February 22, 2008*

Reliant Energy, Inc.

By: */s/ Thomas C. Livengood*

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*Name: Thomas C. Livengood*

*Title: Senior Vice President and Controller*