SWIFT ENERGY CO Form 8-K August 05, 2009

# 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 (or Date of Earliest Event Reported): August 4, 2009

#### SWIFT ENERGY COMPANY

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas
(State or other jurisdiction (Commiss of incorporation)

1-8754 (Commission File Number)

20-3940661 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

16825 Northchase Drive, Suite 400 Houston, Texas 77060 (Address of principal executive offices)

(281) 874-2700 (Registrant's telephone number)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events

Swift Energy Company is making an offering, pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, of its common stock, par value \$.01 per share, under effective Registration Statement No. 333-159341 on Form S-3 (the "Registration Statement"). In connection with that offering and as an update of the legal opinion previously filed as Exhibit 5 to the Registration Statement, Swift Energy Company hereby attaches, as Exhibit 99 to this report, a signed opinion letter as to the legality of the securities to be sold pursuant to such offering from its counsel which previously provided the Exhibit 5 opinion.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibit.

Exhibit

Number Description

99 Signed opinion of Baker & Hostetler LLP dated August 4, 2009, as to the legality of the securities to be sold pursuant to shelf offering.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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.

Date: August 4, 2009

Swift Energy Company

By: /s/ Bruce H. Vincent

Bruce H. Vincent President

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## **EXHIBIT INDEX**

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