SWIFT ENERGY CO Form S-8 August 02, 2013

As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 2, 2013 Registration No. 333-____

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

FORM S 8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

SWIFT ENERGY COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

20-3940661 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

16825 Northchase Dr., Suite 400 Houston, Texas 77060 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

SWIFT ENERGY COMPANY EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN

(Full title of the plan)

Laurent A. Baillargeon General Counsel Swift Energy Company 16825 Northchase Dr., Suite 400 Houston, Texas 77060 (Name and address of agent for service)

(281) 874 2700

(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Copies to:

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer b Accelerated filer o

Non-accelerated filer o (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company o

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered (1)(2)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price per Share (3)(4)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price (3)(4)	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	500,000 shares	\$12.28	\$6,140,000	\$837.50

⁽¹⁾ Represents 500,000 additional shares issuable under the Swift Energy Company Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "Plan").

Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), this Registration Statement

⁽²⁾ is deemed to include additional shares issuable under the terms of the Plan to prevent dilution resulting from any future stock split, stock dividend or similar transaction.

⁽³⁾ Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee.

Calculated pursuant to Rule 457(c) and (h). Accordingly, the price per share of the common stock offered

⁽⁴⁾ hereunder pursuant to the Plan is based on 500,000 shares reserved for issuance under the Plan at a price per share of \$12.28, which is the average of the highest and lowest selling price for the shares on the New York Stock Exchange on August 1, 2013.

REGISTRATION OF ADDITIONAL SHARES PURSUANT TO GENERAL INSTRUCTION E

This Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") of Swift Energy Company (the "Company" or the "Registrant" or "we" or "our") is being filed pursuant to General Instruction E to Form S-8 under the Securities Act to register 500,000 additional shares of the Company's common stock, \$0.01 par value per share (the "Common Stock"), under the Swift Energy Company Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "Plan"). This Registration Statement on Form S-8 hereby incorporates by reference the contents of the Registrant's registration statement on Form S-8 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 15, 1994 (Registration No. 033-80228), Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Form S-8 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 29, 2005 (Registration No. 033-80228), and the Registrant's registration statement on Form S-8 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 18, 2008 (Registration No. 333-156288).

We incorporate by reference (excluding any information furnished pursuant to Items 2.02 or 7.01 of any report on Form 8-K) the documents listed below and any future filings made with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 until the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold:

Our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, filed February 22, 2013; Our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2013, filed May 2, 2013, and for the period ended June 30, 2013, filed August 1, 2013; and Our current reports on Form 8-K filed February 14, 2013, and May 24, 2013.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 8. Exhibits.

The following documents are included as part of this Registration Statement.

Exhibit Number	Description
5.1*	Opinion of Counsel
	Swift Energy Company Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended and restated as of January 1, 2009
10.1	(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.45 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year
	ended December 31, 2008, filed February 27, 2009)
23.1*	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP
23.2*	Consent of H.J. Gruy and Associates, Inc.
23.3	Consent of Counsel (contained in Exhibit 5.1)
24.1	Powers of Attorney (contained in the signature pages to this Registration Statement)

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Houston, Texas, on the 2nd day of August, 2013.

SWIFT ENERGY COMPANY

By: /s/ Terry E. Swift Terry E. Swift

Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each individual whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Terry E. Swift, Bruce H. Vincent and Alton D. Heckaman, Jr., and each of them, each with full power to act without the other, his true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, each with full power of substitution and resubstitution for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any or all amendments to this Registration Statement, and to file the same with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Commission, granting unto each of said attorneys-in-fact and agents full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person hereby ratifying and confirming that each of said attorneys-in-fact and agents or his substitutes may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature /s/ Terry E. Swift	Capacity	Date
Terry E. Swift	Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) and Chairman of the Board	August 2, 2013
/s/ Bruce H. Vincent		
Bruce H. Vincent	President and Director	August 2, 2013
/s/ Alton D. Heckaman, Jr.		
Alton D. Heckaman, Jr.	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	August 2, 2013
/s/ Barry S. Turcotte		
Barry S. Turcotte	Vice President and Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)	August 2, 2013

Signature	Capacity	Date
/s/ Deanna L. Cannon		
Deanna L. Cannon	Director	August 2, 2013
/s/ Douglas J. Lanier		
Douglas J. Lanier	Director	August 2, 2013
/s/ Greg Matiuk		
Greg Matiuk	Director	August 2, 2013
/s/ Clyde W. Smith, Jr.		
Clyde W. Smith, Jr.	Director	August 2, 2013
/s/ Charles J. Swindells		
Charles J. Swindells	Director	August 2, 2013

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	by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K, filed May 24, 2013)
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^{*} Filed herewith