

GULFWEST ENERGY INC
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Atkins Thomas H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 GULFWEST ENERGY INC
 [GULF]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/01/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Senior VP-Exploration

C/O GULFWEST ENERGY INC., 480 N.SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY EAST SUITE 300
 (Street)

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

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

HOUSTON, TX 77060
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |

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 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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---------|----------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount Number Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 1.16 | 04/01/2005 | | A | 383,000 | (1) 04/01/2015 | Common Stock | 383,000 | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 1.7 | 04/01/2005 | | A | 767,000 | (1) 04/01/2015 | Common Stock | 767,000 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Atkins Thomas H C/O GULFWEST ENERGY INC. 480 N.SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY EAST SUITE 300 HOUSTON, TX 77060 | | | Senior VP-Exploration | |

Signatures

/s/ Thomas H. Atkins 04/06/2005

**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) The option will become vested and exercisable with respect to 15% of the shares on the first anniversary of the date of grant and thereafter at the end of each full succeeding year from the date of grant the option will become vested and exercisable as follows: 25% on the second anniversary; an additional 25% on the third anniversary and 35% on the fourth anniversary at which time the option will be vested and exercisable with respect to 100% of the Shares.

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