

SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY CO  
Form SC 13G  
February 14, 2003

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

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. )\*

Southwestern Energy Company

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

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(Title of Class of Securities)

845467109

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(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2002

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this  
Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

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initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and  
for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the  
disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed  
to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of  
1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act  
but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the  
Notes).

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. or I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Liberty Wanger Asset Management, L.P. 36-3820584  
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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

Not Applicable

(a) [ ]

(b) [ ]

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5 SOLE VOTING POWER  
NUMBER OF SHARES

None

SHARED VOTING POWER  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY

6 1,368,500

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

7 None

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

1,368,500

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,368,500

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

Not Applicable

[ ]

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

5.3%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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\*SEE INSTRUCTION BEFORE FILLING OUT!

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. or I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

WAM Acquisition GP, Inc.

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Not Applicable

(a) [ ]

(b) [ ]

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5 SOLE VOTING POWER  
NUMBER OF SHARES

None

6 SHARED VOTING POWER  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY

1,368,500

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None

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Not Applicable

[ ]

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

5.3%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

CO

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Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:

Southwestern Energy Company

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

2350 N. Sam Houston Pkwy. E., Suite 300  
Houston, TX 77032

Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing:

Liberty Wanger Asset Management, L.P.  
("WAM")

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WAM Acquisition GP, Inc., the general partner of WAM ("WAM GP")

Item 2(b)

Address of Principal Business Office:

WAM and WAM GP are each located at:

227 West Monroe Street, Suite 3000  
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Item 2(c)

Citizenship:

WAM is a Delaware limited partnership; WAM GP is a Delaware corporation.

Item 2(d)

Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock

Item 2(e)

CUSIP Number:

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Item 3

Type of Person:

- (e) WAM is an Investment Adviser registered under section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940; WAM GP is the General Partner of the Investment Adviser.

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Item 4

Ownership (at December 31, 2002):

- (a) Amount owned "beneficially" within the meaning of rule 13d-3:  
  
1,368,500
- (b) Percent of class:  
  
5.3% (based on 25,724,259 shares outstanding as of October 21, 2002, based on Form 10-Q filed on October 25, 2002).
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
  - (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote:  
none
  - (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote:  
1,368,500
  - (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the

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disposition of: none

(iv) shared power to dispose  
or to direct  
disposition of:  
1,368,500

Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:

Not Applicable

Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of  
Another Person:

The shares reported herein have been  
acquired on behalf of discretionary clients  
of WAM. Persons other than WAM and WAM GP  
are entitled to receive all dividends from,  
and proceeds from the sale of, those shares.

Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary  
Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the  
Parent Holding Company:

Not Applicable

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the  
Group:

Not Applicable

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group:

Not Applicable

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Item 10 Certification:

By signing below I certify that, to the best  
of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred  
to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary  
course of business and were not acquired and are not  
held for the purpose of or with the effect of  
changing or influencing the control of the issuer of  
the securities and were not acquired and are not held  
in connection with or as a participant in any  
transaction having that purpose or effect.

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Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I  
certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and  
correct.

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The undersigned corporation, on the date above written, agrees and consents to the joint filing on its behalf of this Schedule 13G in connection with its beneficial ownership of the security reported herein.

WAM Acquisition GP, Inc.  
for itself and as general partner of  
LIBERTY WANGER ASSET MANAGEMENT, L.P.

By: /s/ Bruce H. Lauer

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Bruce H. Lauer  
Senior Vice President and Secretary

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Exhibit 1

Joint Filing Agreement dated as of February 14, 2003  
by and among Liberty Wanger Asset Management, L.P.  
and WAM Acquisition GP, Inc.

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