FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Ty	pe Response	s)															
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Smith Jerry D.				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CHENIERE ENERGY INC [LNG]							5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner						
(Last) (First) (Middle) 700 MILAM ST., SUITE 800				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/09/2008							X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) VP & Chief Accounting Officer						
(Street) HOUSTON, TX 77002				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person							
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Reporting Owners

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	Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
	Smith Jerry D. 700 MILAM ST. SUITE 800 HOUSTON, TX 77002			VP & Chief Accounting Officer					

Signatures

/s/ Jerry Smith	05/13/2008
**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 shares were issued as a restricted stock grant and therefore no consideration was given by the Reporting Person. The stock grant vests on December 1, 2008.
- (2) The shares were issued as a restricted stock grant and therefore no consideration was given by the Reporting Person. The stock grant vests in three equal installments on December 31, 2008, 2009 and 2010.

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