### FORM 4

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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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)				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 700 MILAM ST., SUITE 800				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2008						X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  VP & Chief Accounting Officer				
(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 77002 (City) (State) (Zip)			Ta	ivative S	Securities	Acqui	ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned							
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)		2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	(Instr. 8)	(A) or Dispo		Disposed o	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		following (s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D)	Beneficial	
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VP & Chief Accounting Officer

## Signatures

HOUSTON, TX 77002

Smith Jerry D. 700 MILAM ST.

SUITE 800

Anne V. Vaughan under POA by Jerry D. Smith	01/05/2009
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Owner

### **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).

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