

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

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FORM 12b-25

NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING

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(Check One):  Form 10-K  Form 20-F  Form 11-K  
 Form 10-Q  Form N-SAR

For Period Ended: MARCH 31, 2002

- Transition Report on Form 10-K  
 Transition Report on Form 20-F  
 Transition Report on Form 11-K  
 Transition Report on Form 10-Q  
 Transition Report on Form N-SAR

For the Transition Period Ended:

NOTHING IN THIS FORM SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO IMPLY THAT THE COMMISSION  
HAS VERIFIED ANY INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN.

If the notification relates to a portion of the filing checked above,  
identify the Item(s) to which the notification relates:

PART I - REGISTRANT INFORMATION

Full Name of Registrant: Reliant Energy, Incorporated  
Former Name if Applicable: Houston Industries Incorporated  
Address of Principal Executive Office  
(Street and Number): 1111 Louisiana  
City, State and Zip Code: Houston, Texas 77002

PART II - RULES 12b-25(b) AND (c)

[X] If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate)

(a) The reasons described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense;

(b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, 11-K or Form N-SAR, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Q, or portion thereof will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and

(c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

PART III - NARRATIVE

State below in reasonable detail the reasons why Forms 10-K, 20-F, 11-K, 10-Q, N-SAR, or the transition report or portion thereof, could not be filed within the prescribed time period.

On May 13, 2002, Reliant Resources, Inc. ("RRI"), a majority-owned subsidiary of Reliant Energy, Incorporated ("REI"), announced its preliminary findings of its review of certain trading transactions involving simultaneous purchases and sales with the same counterparty at the same price. While RRI is still completing a review of its trading transactions, it believes that it has engaged in transactions that had the effect of increasing its revenues by approximately 10% over the years 1999, 2000 and 2001. The management of RRI and REI, as well as their accounting and legal resources, have been very involved in the review of these transactions and RRI's accounting policies. For the reasons set forth herein, and because the attention of the relevant personnel that prepare REI's and RRI's Form 10-Q has been diverted from that task, REI is not able to timely file its Form 10-Q without unreasonable or undue effort, expense or burden.

