

EDELMAN THOMAS J
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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 *
EDELMAN THOMAS J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE,
SUITE 100

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77067

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NOBLE ENERGY INC [NBL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/20/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/20/2005		M		36,700	A	\$ 6.02
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/20/2005		S		3,000	D	\$ 41.96
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/20/2005		S		5,000	D	\$ 41.97

Inc., Common Stock							
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/20/2005	S	6,100	D	\$ 41.98	1,283,800	D
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/20/2005	S	7,000	D	\$ 42	1,276,800	D
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/20/2005	S	3,000	D	\$ 42.01	1,273,800	D
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/20/2005	S	100	D	\$ 42.05	1,273,700	D
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/20/2005	S	11,600	D	\$ 42.25	1,262,100	D
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/20/2005	S	300	D	\$ 42.26	1,261,800	D
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/20/2005	S	600	D	\$ 42.27	1,261,200	D

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	\$ 6.02	12/20/2005		M	36,700	05/16/2005 02/21/2006	Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	36,700

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
EDELMAN THOMAS J 100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77067				

Signatures

Thomas J. Edelman	12/21/2005
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Arnold J. Johnson, POA	12/21/2005
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Chris Tong, POA	12/21/2005
**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).

Remarks:

Column 5. of Table I includes 4,800 restricted shares of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock

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