

EDELMAN THOMAS J  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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	1,297,900	D	
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/20/2005		S	3,000 D \$ 41.96	1,294,900	D	
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/20/2005		S	5,000 D \$ 41.97	1,289,900	D	

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	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)
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable    Expiration Date	Title    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

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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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