

DAVIDSON CHARLES D  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 DAVIDSON CHARLES D

(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)  
 01/30/2009

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)  
 Chairman, President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock					3,220 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	401(k)
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	01/30/2009		A		48,708 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$ 0
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	02/01/2009		F		4,544 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	\$ 50.21

Inc.  
Common  
Stock

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)

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	\$ 50.21	01/30/2009		A	130,490	01/30/2010 <sup>(3)</sup> 01/30/2019		Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	130

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director      10% Owner      Officer      Other

DAVIDSON CHARLES D  
100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE, SUITE 100  
HOUSTON, TX 77067

Chairman,  
President &  
CEO

## Signatures

Arnold J. Johnson,  
Attorney-in-Fact      02/03/2009

\*\*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).
- Holdings under the Company's 401(k) Plan are reported in units by the plan administrator. The units represent shares of Company common stock. The number of shares represented by the units is based upon the plan statement as of January 30, 2009 and calculated by dividing the aggregate unit balance under the 401(k) by the closing price of the Company's common stock on that date.

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- (2) Restricted shares of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock subject to vesting 20% after year one, an additional 30% after year two and the final 50% after year three, granted under the 1992 Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan.
- (3) Options vest 1/3 each year for three years.

- This reported transaction reflects shares relinquished to Noble Energy, Inc. by the reporting person out of, and to cover estimated tax withholding for, restricted shares granted on February 1, 2006, and vesting on February 1, 2009. The stock price reflected in Table I
- (4) Column 4 was determined based on "fair market value," defined in the Noble Energy, Inc. 1992 Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan as the average of the reported high and low trading price of Noble Energy, Inc. common stock on the NYSE on January 30, 2009.

**Remarks:**

Column 5 of Table 1 includes 155,429 restricted shares of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock directly held by the reporting person.

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