

DAVIDSON CHARLES D
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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 *
DAVIDSON CHARLES D

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE,
SUITE 100

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/01/2012

____ Director
____ Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
Chairman & CEO

HOUSTON, TX 77067

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock					3,253 ⁽¹⁾	I	401(k)
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	02/01/2012		A	36,830 ⁽²⁾	\$ 101.82	D	
Noble Energy,	02/01/2012		F	4,733 ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 101.25	D	

Inc.
Common
Stock

Noble
Energy,
Inc.
Common
Stock

02/01/2012

F

2,823
(5)

D

\$
101.25

427,327

D

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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 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)	\$ 101.82	02/01/2012		A	94,268 <u>(3)</u>	02/01/2013	02/01/2022	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

Chairman & CEO

Signatures

Arnold J. Johnson,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/03/2012

__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 February 1, 2012 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.
- (1) 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.
 - (2) 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, 2010, and vesting on February 1, 2012. The stock price reflected in Table I Column 4 was determined based on "fair market value," defined in the Noble Energy, Inc. 1992 Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan for this transaction as the average of the reported high and low trading price of Noble Energy, Inc. common stock on the NYSE on February 1, 2012.
- (4) Column 4 was determined based on "fair market value," defined in the Noble Energy, Inc. 1992 Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan for this transaction as the average of the reported high and low trading price of Noble Energy, Inc. common stock on the NYSE on February 1, 2012.

- 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, 2011, and vesting on February 1, 2012. The stock price reflected in Table I Column 4 was determined based on "fair market value," defined in the Noble Energy, Inc. 1992 Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan for this transaction as the average of the reported high and low trading price of Noble Energy, Inc. common stock on the NYSE on February 1, 2012.
- (5) Column 4 was determined based on "fair market value," defined in the Noble Energy, Inc. 1992 Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan for this transaction as the average of the reported high and low trading price of Noble Energy, Inc. common stock on the NYSE on February 1, 2012.

Remarks:

Column 5 of Table I includes 89,443 restricted shares of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock directly held by the reporting person.

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