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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement NOBLE ENERGY INC [NBL] Putnam Michael W. (Month/Day/Year) 04/23/2013 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE, (Check all applicable) SUITE 100 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director Officer _ Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person HOUSTON, TXÂ 77067 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock 3,905 D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Title	Security	Direct (D)	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	02/01/2006	02/01/2015	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	4,224	\$ 29.87	D	Â
Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	02/01/2007	02/01/2016	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	2,992	\$ 45.94	D	Â
Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	02/01/2008	02/01/2017	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	7,480	\$ 53.42	D	Â
Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	02/01/2009	02/01/2018	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	3,898	\$ 72.94	D	Â
Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	01/30/2010	01/30/2019	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	5,307	\$ 50.21	D	Â
Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	02/01/2011	02/01/2020	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	3,215	\$ 75.09	D	Â
Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	02/01/2012	02/01/2021	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	2,426	\$ 90.41	D	Â
Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	02/01/2013	02/01/2022	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	2,479	\$ 101.82	D	Â
Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	02/01/2014	02/01/2023	Noble Energy, Inc. Common	3,158	\$ 109.19	D	Â

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Stock

Noble

Stock

Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy)

03/18/2010 03/18/2019 Inc.

Energy, Inc. 2,662 Common

\$ 50.8

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
F-	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Putnam Michael W. 100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE, SUITE 100	â	â	Â	Â		
HOUSTON, TX 77067	А	А	VP	А		

Signatures

Aaron G. Carlson, Attorney-in-Fact

05/03/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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Remarks:

Column 2 of Table I includes 3,114 restricted shares of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock directly Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, See Instruction 6 for procedure.

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