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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Putnam Michael W.		(Month/Day/Year)	NOBLE ENERGY INC [NBL]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE, SUITE 100			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
			<input type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
HOUSTON, TX 77067			(give title below)	(specify below)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	VP	
				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
				<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	3,905	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 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) Title	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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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

