SMITH BRUCE A Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SMITH BRUCE A

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE, SUITE 100

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Symbol

NOBLE ENERGY INC [NBL]

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

02/01/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

HOUSTON, TX 77067

(City) (State) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

or

Owned Following Reported

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership

(Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Conversion (Instr. 3) or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)

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	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	() I ()	Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) Instr. 3, and 5)	d of				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Nun of Shar
Non-Employee Director Stock	\$ 59.47	02/01/2005		A		5,000		02/01/2006	02/01/2015	Noble Energy Inc.,	5,0

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Common

Stock

SMITH BRUCE A 100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77067

Signatures

Option Grant

(right to buy)

Bruce A. Smith	02/03/2005				
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date				
Arnold J. Johnson, POA	02/03/2005				
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date				
James L. McElvany, POA	02/03/2005				
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date				

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