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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * TONG CHRIS			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NOBLE ENERGY INC [NBL]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE, SUITE 100			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/01/2006					(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) Sr. VP & CFO		
HOUSTON,	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecuri	ties Ac	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Yea	r) Execution	emed on Date, if 'Day/Year)	3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	4. SecurionAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) o of (D)	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	02/01/2006			A	3,522 (1)	A	\$ 0	26,698	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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 Underlying Securitic (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	\$ 45.94	02/01/2006		A	15,980	02/01/2007(2)	02/01/2016	Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	15,9

Reporting Owners

	Relationships
Reporting Owner Name / Address	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

TONG CHRIS

100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE, SUITE 100 Sr. VP & CFO

HOUSTON, TX 77067

Signatures

Chris Tong 02/03/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Arnold J. 02/03/2006 Johnson

**Signature of Date

Reporting Person

Charles D. 02/03/2006 Davidson

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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- * 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).
- (1) Restricted shares of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock
- (2) Options vest 1/3 each year for three years.

Reporting Owners 2

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Remarks:

Column 5. of Table I includes 26,698 restricted shares of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock

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