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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANCE COMMISSION							PPROVAL			
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(Print or Type F	Responses)									
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> COX EDWARD F			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NOBLE ENERGY INC [NBL]				-	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Che			ck all applicable)				
100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE, SUITE 100			(Month/Day/Year) 02/01/2006					Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
				endment, Date Original nth/Day/Year)				 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person 		
HOUSTON	, TX 77067							Form filed by I Person	More than One R	eporting
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-Do	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Yea	r) Executi any	Execution Date, if		3.4. SecuritiesTransactionAcquired (A) orCodeDisposed of (D)(Instr. 8)(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Nabla				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	02/01/2006			А	1,577 (1)	A	\$0	29,577	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 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number out Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and J Underlying 3 (Instr. 3 and	Securi
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Ame or Nun of Shar
Non-Employee Director Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	\$ 45.1	02/01/2006		A	3,683	02/01/2007	02/01/2016	Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	3,6

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships				
		Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
COX EDWARD F 100 GLENBOROUG HOUSTON, TX 770						
Signatures						
Edward F. Cox	02/03/2006					
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date					
Arnold J.	0010010000					

Johnson, POA	02/03/2006		
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date		
Chris Tong, POA	02/03/2006		
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date		

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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.

Remarks:

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Column 5. of Table I includes 1,577 restricted shares of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock

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