

NOBLE ENERGY INC

Form 4

December 26, 2006

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
COX EDWARD F

(Last) (First) (Middle)

100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE,
SUITE 100

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77067

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
NOBLE ENERGY INC [NBL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/21/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/21/2006		M	10,000 A	\$ 29.74 39,577	D	
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/21/2006		S	2,000 D	\$ 49.88 37,577	D	
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/21/2006		S	2,000 D	\$ 49.9 35,577	D	

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Inc., Common Stock							
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/21/2006	S	1,700	D	\$ 49.92	33,877	D
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/21/2006	S	2,300	D	\$ 49.93	31,577	D
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/21/2006	S	2,000	D	\$ 49.94	29,577	D
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/21/2006	S	600	D	\$ 49.95	28,977	D
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/21/2006	S	600	D	\$ 49.97	28,377	D
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/21/2006	S	800	D	\$ 49.96	27,577	D
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/22/2006	S	2,000	D	\$ 50	25,577	D
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/22/2006	S	2,000	D	\$ 49.8	23,577	D
Noble Energy, Inc.,	12/22/2006	S	1,500	D	\$ 49.55	22,077	D

Common
StockNoble
Energy,

Inc., 12/22/2006

S 500 D \$ 49.57 21,577 D

Common
Stock

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Employee Director Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	\$ 29.74	12/21/2006		M		10,000		02/01/2006	02/01/2015	Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

COX EDWARD F
100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE, SUITE 100
HOUSTON, TX 77067

Signatures

Arnold J.
Johnson, POA 12/26/2006

**Signature of Reporting
Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).

Remarks:

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

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