

DAVIDSON CHARLES D

Form 4

February 05, 2008

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DAVIDSON CHARLES D

(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)
02/01/2008

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)

Chairman, President & CEO

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 (A) 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock | | | | | 3,096 ⁽¹⁾ | I | 401(k) |
| Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock | 02/01/2008 | | A | 48,459 ⁽³⁾ | A \$ 0 177,922 | D | |
| Noble Energy, | 02/01/2008 | | F | 5,190 ⁽⁴⁾ | D \$ 172,732 | D | |

Inc.
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) |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy) | \$ 72.94 | 02/01/2008 | | A | 125,200 | 02/01/2009 ⁽²⁾ 02/01/2018 | Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| DAVIDSON CHARLES D 100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77067 | | | Chairman, President & CEO | |

Signatures

Arnold J. Johnson, Attorney
in Fact 02/05/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Holdings under the Company's 401(k) Plan are reported in units by the plan administrator. The units represent shares of Company
(1) common stock. The number of shares represented by the units is based upon the plan statement as of February 1, 2008 and calculated by dividing the aggregate unit balance under the 401(k) by the closing price of the Company's common stock on that date.

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- (2) Options vest 1/3 each year for three years.
- (3) Restricted shares of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock subject to a 3-year restriction, granted under the 1992 Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan.

This reported transaction reflects shares relinquished to Noble Energy, Inc. by the reporting person out of, and to cover estimated tax withholding for, restricted shares granted on February 1, 2005 and August 1, 2005, and vesting on February 1, 2008. The stock price

- (4) reflected in Table I Column 4 was determined based on "fair market value," defined in the Noble Energy, Inc. 1992 Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan as the average of the reported high and low trading price of Noble Energy, Inc. common stock on the NYSE on February 1, 2008.

Remarks:

Column 5 of the last row of Table 1 includes 132,602 restricted shares of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock.

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