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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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See Instruction 1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Urban Scott D  (Last) (First) (Middle)  100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE, SUITE 100			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NOBLE ENERGY INC [NBL] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/01/2011 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
								HOUSTON,	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	I - Non-De	erivative S	ecuri
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. SecuritonAcquired 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.	02/01/2011			A	1,200 <sub>(1)</sub>	A	\$0	10,024	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)

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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 coof 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 Amou Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Nur of Sha
Non-Employee Director Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	\$ 89.14	02/01/2011		A	2,800	02/01/2012	02/01/2021	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Urban Scott D 100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77067

## **Signatures**

Arnold J. Johnson, Attorney-in-Fact

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Da

# **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).
- (1) Restricted shares of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock subject to a one-year restriction, granted under the 2005 Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors.

#### **Remarks:**

Column 5 of Table 1 includes 1,200 restricted shares of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock directly held by the reporting personal stock directly held by the repor

Reported transactions represent annual grants under the 2005 Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors of Noble Energy, Inc.

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