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February 03, 2012 FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION							OMB APPROVAL				
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BERENSON JEFFREY L Sy			Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NOBLE ENERGY INC [NBL]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction(Month/Day/Year)02/01/2012					Director 10% Owner Officer (give title 0ther (specify below)			
				Amendment, Date Original 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 			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)				~		Person			
(City) 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) Noble	(State) 2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	te 2A. Deen	ned 1 Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3, Amount	ties Ad sposed	cquired d of (D)	uired, Disposed of 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	
Energy, Inc. Common Stock	02/01/2012			А	982 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 101.82	27,389	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 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 Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Nun of Shai
Non-Employee Director Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	\$ 101.82	02/01/2012		A	2,514	02/01/2013	02/01/2022	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BERENSON JEFFREY L 100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE, SUITE 1 HOUSTON, TX 77067	00						
Signatures							
Arnold J. Johnson, Attorney-in-Fact	02/03/2012	2/03/2012					
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date						
Explanation of Respon	506.						

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 I includes 982 restricted shares of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock directly held by the reporting person

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

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