

NOBLE ENERGY INC

Form 4

May 18, 2005

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

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1(b).

**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)  
**05/16/2005**

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 &amp; 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., Restricted Stock Award	05/16/2005		A	4,350 A \$ 0	24,010	D	
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	05/16/2005		J	0 <sup>(2)</sup> A \$ 0	1,251	I	401(k)

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	\$ 65.585	05/16/2005		A	10,775	05/16/2006 <sup>(1)</sup> 05/16/2015	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

Chares D.  
Davidson 05/18/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

Arnold J.  
Johnson, POA 05/18/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

Chris Tong, POA 05/18/2005

\_\_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).
- (1) Options vest 1/3 each year for three years.
- (2) See remarks for description of price and share calculations.

### Remarks:

Column 5. of Table I includes 21510 shares of restricted stock and 2500 unrestricted shares that are directly owned.

Holdings under the Company's 401(k) Plan are reported in units by the plan administrator. The units represent shares of Comp

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