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OMB APPROVAL UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading STOVER DAVID L Issuer Symbol NOBLE ENERGY INC [NBL] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE, 11/11/2011 below) SUITE 100 President & COO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting HOUSTON, TX 77067 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) any Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Noble Energy, 6,735 11/11/2011 M 113,238 D Inc. Common

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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)	Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	\$ 17.68	11/11/2011		M	6	5,735	02/01/2004	02/01/2013	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	6,735
Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	\$ 17.68	11/14/2011		M	3	3,265	02/01/2004	02/01/2013	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	3,265

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Other Director 10% Owner Officer

2 Reporting Owners

STOVER DAVID L 100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77067

President & COO

Signatures

Arnold J. Johnson, Attorney-in-Fact

11/15/2011

**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).
- The sale price reported in Column 4 of Table 1 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$95.00 to \$95.37, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Noble Energy, Inc., any shareholder of Noble Energy, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within such range.
- The sale price reported in Column 4 of Table 1 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$95.00 to \$95.01, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Noble Energy, Inc., any shareholder of Noble Energy, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within such range.

Remarks:

Transaction pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.

Column 5 of Table 1 includes 54,717 restricted shares of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock directly held by the reporting per Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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