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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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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Urban Scott D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE, SUITE 100

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Zip)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

NOBLE ENERGY INC [NBL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

02/01/2012

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Applicable Line)

Director

Officer (give title

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

below)

HOUSTON, TX 77067

(City)

Common Stock

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1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D)	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership	7. Nature of Indirect		
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Beneficially	Form: Direct	Beneficial		
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		Owned	(D) or	Ownership		
					Following	Indirect (I)	(Instr. 4)		
				(4)	Reported	(Instr. 4)			
				(A)	Transaction(s)				
			Code V	or Amount (D) Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
Noble									
Energy,				\$					
Inc.	02/01/2012		C	$982 \frac{(1)}{101} A = 301.02$	11,006	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof 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 Nu of Sha
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

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 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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