

NOBLE ENERGY INC  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
COX EDWARD F

(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)  
12/21/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/21/2006		M		10,000	A	\$ 29.74
					39,577		
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/21/2006		S		2,000	D	\$ 49.88
					37,577		
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/21/2006		S		2,000	D	\$ 49.9
					35,577		

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Inc., Common Stock							
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/21/2006	S	1,700	D	\$ 49.92	33,877	D
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/21/2006	S	2,300	D	\$ 49.93	31,577	D
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/21/2006	S	2,000	D	\$ 49.94	29,577	D
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/21/2006	S	600	D	\$ 49.95	28,977	D
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/21/2006	S	600	D	\$ 49.97	28,377	D
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/21/2006	S	800	D	\$ 49.96	27,577	D
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/22/2006	S	2,000	D	\$ 50	25,577	D
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/22/2006	S	2,000	D	\$ 49.8	23,577	D
Noble Energy, Inc.,	12/22/2006	S	1,500	D	\$ 49.55	22,077	D

Common  
Stock

Noble  
Energy,  
Inc.,

12/22/2006 S 500 D \$ 49.57 21,577 D  
Common  
Stock

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 of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-Employee Director Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	\$ 29.74	12/21/2006		M	10,000	02/01/2006 02/01/2015	Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

COX EDWARD F  
100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE, SUITE 100  
HOUSTON, TX 77067

## Signatures

Arnold J.  
Johnson, POA 12/26/2006

\*\*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).

### Remarks:

Column 5 of Table I includes 1,577 restricted shares of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock.

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