

NOBLE ENERGY INC  
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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NOBLE ENERGY INC [NBL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE,  
SUITE 100

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/01/2012

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

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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HOUSTON, TX 77067

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock					12,000	I	Held by spouse
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	02/01/2012		A	982 <sup>(1)</sup> A	\$ 101.82 11,265	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. 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)	\$ 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

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

## Signatures

Arnold J. Johnson, 02/03/2012  
Attorney-in-Fact

\*\*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) 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

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

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