

Rimer Charles J.  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol |  |
| Â Rimer Charles J.                        |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | NOBLE ENERGY INC [NBL]                             |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
| 100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE,<br>SUITE 100       |         | 04/23/2013                           | (Check all applicable)                             |  |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner                                     |
| HOUSTON,Â TXÂ 77067                       |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other   |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | (give title below)                                 | (specify below)  |
|   |         |                                      | Sr. VP Global Operations Svcs                      | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
|   |         |                                      |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
|   |         |                                      |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock    | 1,654  | I   | 401(k)   |
| Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock    | 30,391   | D   | Â  |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---|---|--|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
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|  | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title                           | Amount or Number of Shares | Derivative Security | Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |   |
|--|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---|---|
| Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy) | 01/30/2010       | 01/30/2019      | Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock | 5,848                      | \$ 50.21            | D   | Â |
| Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy) | 03/18/2010       | 03/18/2019      | Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock | 2,662                      | \$ 50.8             | D   | Â |
| Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy) | 02/01/2011       | 02/01/2020      | Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock | 9,912                      | \$ 75.09            | D   | Â |
| Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy) | 02/01/2012       | 02/01/2021      | Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock | 9,712                      | \$ 90.41            | D   | Â |
| Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy) | 02/01/2013       | 02/01/2022      | Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock | 11,356                     | \$ 101.82           | D   | Â |
| Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy) | 02/01/2014       | 02/01/2023      | Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock | 9,713                      | \$ 109.19           | D   | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |                               | Other |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer |                               |       |
| Rimer Charles J.<br>100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE, SUITE 100<br>HOUSTON, TX 77067 | Â             | Â         | Â       | Sr. VP Global Operations Svcs | Â     |

## Signatures

Aaron G. Carlson,  
Attorney-in-Fact

05/03/2013

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

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### Remarks:

Column 2 of Table IA includes 11,201 restricted shares of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock direct

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