

NOBLE ENERGY INC  
Form 8-K  
August 01, 2006

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 1, 2006  
NOBLE ENERGY, INC.  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**

**001-07964**

**73-0785597**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

Commission  
File Number

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**100 Glenborough, Suite 100  
Houston, Texas**

**77067**

(Address of principal executive  
offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(281) 872-3100**

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

(c) On August 1, 2006, Noble Energy, Inc. (the Company) announced that David L. Stover, age 48, was appointed to the newly-created position of Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, effective as of that date. In this new position, Mr. Stover will be responsible for all of the Company's exploration and production activities. Mr. Stover previously held the position of Sr. Vice President for North America since July 27, 2004. From December 16, 2002 through July 2004, he served as the Company's Vice President of Business Development. Previous to his employment with the Company, he was employed by BP America, Inc. as Vice President, Gulf of Mexico Shelf from September 2000 to August 2002. Prior to joining BP, Mr. Stover was employed by Vastar Resources, Inc. as Area Manager for Gulf of Mexico Shelf from April 1999 to September 2000.

The Company also issued a press release announcing Mr. Stover's appointment. A copy of the press release issued by the Company is furnished as part of this current Report and is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is furnished as part of this current Report on Form 8-K:  
99.1 Press Release dated August 1, 2006.

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

NOBLE ENERGY, INC.

Date: August 1, 2006

By: /s/ Arnold J. Johnson  
Arnold J. Johnson  
Vice President, General Counsel &  
Secretary

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Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release dated August 1, 2006.