

NOBLE ENERGY INC

Form 4

February 02, 2016

**FORM 4**
**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Willingham Gary W.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1001 NOBLE ENERGY WAY

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77070

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/30/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Exec. VP Operations

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	01/30/2016		F	860 <sup>(1)</sup> D	\$ 32.37 79,504	D	
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	01/31/2016		F	769 <sup>(2)</sup> D	\$ 32.37 78,735	D	
Noble Energy,	02/01/2016		D	3,778 <sup>(3)</sup> D	\$ 0 74,957	D	

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Inc.  
Common  
Stock

Noble  
Energy,  
Inc.  
Common  
Stock

02/01/2016

F

1,034  
(4)

D

\$  
31.65

73,923

D

Noble  
Energy,  
Inc.  
Common  
Stock

02/01/2016

A

11,005  
(5)

A

\$ 0

84,928

D

Noble  
Energy,  
Inc.  
Common  
Stock

02/01/2016

A

22,011  
(6)

A

\$ 0

106,939

D

Noble  
Energy,  
Inc.  
Common  
Stock

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401(k)

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Am or Nun of S
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.65	02/01/2016		A	68,976	(7) 02/01/2026	Noble Energy, Inc. Common	68

Phantom Unit	(8)	02/01/2016	A	11,005	02/01/2018	02/01/2018	Stock Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	11
Phantom Unit	(9)	02/01/2016	A	22,011	02/01/2019	02/01/2019	Stock Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	22

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Willingham Gary W. 1001 NOBLE ENERGY WAY HOUSTON, TX 77070			Exec. VP Operations	

## Signatures

/s/ Aaron G. Carlson,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/02/2016

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Reflects shares relinquished to Noble Energy, Inc. by the reporting person out of, and to cover estimated tax withholding for, restricted shares granted on January 30, 2015, and vesting on January 30, 2016. The stock price reflected in Table I Column 4 was determined based on "fair market value," defined in the 1992 Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan, as amended and restated (1992 Plan) for this transaction as the closing trading price of Noble Energy, Inc. common stock on the NYSE on January 29, 2016.

(2) Reflects shares relinquished to Noble Energy, Inc. by the reporting person out of, and to cover estimated tax withholding for, restricted shares granted on January 31, 2014, and vesting on January 31, 2016. The stock price reflected in Table I Column 4 was determined based on "fair market value," defined in the 1992 Plan for this transaction as the closing trading price of Noble Energy, Inc. common stock on the NYSE on January 29, 2016.

(3) Reflects unvested shares of performance restricted stock granted on February 1, 2013 forfeited to Noble Energy, Inc. on February 1, 2016.

(4) Reflects shares relinquished to Noble Energy, Inc. by the reporting person out of, and to cover estimated tax withholding for, restricted shares granted on February 1, 2013, and vesting on February 1, 2016. The stock price reflected in Table I Column 4 was determined based on "fair market value," defined in the 1992 Plan for this transaction as the closing trading price of Noble Energy, Inc. common stock on the NYSE on February 1, 2016.

(5) Restricted shares of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock will vest 80% one year after the date of grant and the remaining 20% two years after the date of grant, granted under the 1992 Plan.

(6) Performance restricted stock will vest three years after the date of grant upon, and subject to a formula related to, the Company's achievement of certain levels of total shareholder return (TSR) relative to a pre-determined industry peer group, granted under the 1992 Plan.

(7) The option is exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning one year after the date of grant.

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- (8) Each phantom unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock to be settled in cash upon vesting and subject to a maximum settlement value of \$126.60 per unit plus the equivalent value of accrued and unpaid dividends. Phantom units were granted under the 1992 Plan and will vest 100% two years after the date of grant.

- (9) Each phantom unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock, to be settled in cash upon vesting and subject to a maximum settlement value of \$126.60 per unit plus the equivalent value of accrued and unpaid dividends. Phantom units were granted under the 1992 Plan and will vest three years after the date of grant upon, and subject to a formula related to, the Company's achievement of certain levels of total shareholder return (TSR) relative to a pre-determined industry peer group.

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