Walker Thomas Hodge Form 3 February 21, 2018 **FORM 3** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB 2225 OMB

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Walker Thomas Hodge	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NOBLE ENERGY INC [NBL]				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1001 NOBLE ENERGY WAY	02/19/2018	4. Relationshi Person(s) to Is	p of Reporting ssuer	;	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
(Street) HOUSTON, TX 77070		Director X Officer (give title below	w) (specify belo	Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One	
(City) (State) (Zip)	Table I - N		U.S. Onshore ive Securiti	es Bei	Reporting Person neficially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	-	
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	k 41,578		D	Â		
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Table II - Derivative Secur	ities Beneficially Owned (e.	.g., puts, calls,	warrants, opt	tions, c	onvertible securities)	

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and		3. Title and Amount of		4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date		Securities Underlying		Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
	(Month/Day/Year)		Derivative Security		or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option Grant (Right to Buy)	(1)	01/30/2019	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	6,268	\$ 25.1025	D	Â
Employee Stock Option Grant (Right to Buy)	(1)	02/01/2020	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	4,470	\$ 37.545	D	Â
Employee Stock Option Grant (Right to Buy)	(1)	02/01/2021	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	4,852	\$ 45.2025	D	Â
Employee Stock Option Grant (Right to Buy)	(1)	02/01/2022	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	4,958	\$ 50.91	D	Â
Employee Stock Option Grant (Right to Buy)	(1)	02/01/2023	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	6,316	\$ 54.595	D	Â
Employee Stock Option Grant (Right to Buy)	(1)	01/31/2024	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	4,491	\$ 62.33	D	Â
Employee Stock Option Grant (Right to Buy)	(1)	01/30/2025	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	12,034	\$ 47.74	D	Â
Employee Stock Option Grant (Right to Buy)	(1)	02/01/2026	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	17,244	\$ 31.65	D	Â
Phantom Unit	02/01/2019	02/01/2019	Noble Energy, Inc. Common	5,502	\$ <u>(2)</u>	D	Â

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			Stock				
Employee Stock Option Grant (Right to Buy)	(<u>1)</u>	02/01/2027	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	10,055	\$ 39.46	D	Â
Employee Stock Option Grant (Right to Buy)	(<u>3)</u>	02/01/2028	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	14,326	\$ 30.89	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
, o	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Walker Thomas Hodge 1001 NOBLE ENERGY WAY HOUSTON, TX 77070	Â	Â	SVP, U.S. Onshore	Â		
Signatures						
/s/ Aaron G. Carlson, Attorney-in-Fact	02/21/2018					

**Signature of Reporting Person

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

Date

(2) 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.

(3) The option is exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning one year after the date of grant, granted under the 2017 Plan.

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