

DAVIDSON CHARLES D

Form 4

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

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
DAVIDSON CHARLES D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE,  
SUITE 100

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77067

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/01/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Chairman, President &amp; CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
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Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)        | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|--|---|---|---|--|--|--|---|
| Noble<br>Energy,<br>Inc.,<br>Common<br>Stock | 02/01/2006                              |   | J                                       | 0 <sup>(2)</sup>   | A \$ 0 2,596   | I  | 401(k)  |
| Noble<br>Energy,<br>Inc.,<br>Common<br>Stock | 02/01/2006                              |   | A                                       | 17,181<br><sup>(3)</sup>   | A \$ 0 71,201  | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)       | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |     | 7. Title and Amount<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                    |  |                                     |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|-----|--|--------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
|   |   |   |   | Code                                    | V  | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>Grant<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 45.94  | 02/01/2006                              |   | A                                       |  | 77,957   |     | 02/01/2007 <sup>(1)</sup>  | 02/01/2016         | Noble<br>Energy,<br>Inc.,<br>Common<br>Stock | 77,957                              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                                 |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                         | Other |
| DAVIDSON CHARLES D<br>100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE, SUITE 100<br>HOUSTON, TX 77067 |               |           | Chairman,<br>President &<br>CEO |       |

## Signatures

Charles D.  
Davidson 02/03/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

Arnold J.  
Johnson, POA 02/03/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

Chris Tong, POA 02/03/2006

\_\_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) Options vest 1/3 each year for three years.
- (2) See remarks for description of price and share calculations.
- (3) Restricted shares of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock.

### Remarks:

Holdings under the Company's 401(k) Plan are reported in units by the plan administrator. The units represent shares of Comp

Column 5. of Table I includes 66,201 restricted shares of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock

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