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CUNNINGHAM SUSAN M Symbol				uer Name and Ticker or Trading I LE ENERGY INC [NBL]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
				of Earliest Transaction /Day/Year) /2012				(Check all applicable) <u></u> Director <u></u> 10% Owner <u></u> Officer (give title <u></u> Other (specify below) Sr. VP Exploration			
HOUSTON	(Street) , TX 77067			ndment, Da nth/Day/Year	-	l		6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by C Form filed by M Person	one Reporting Pe	rson	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	e 2A. Deeme Execution I any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) Code V	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	l of (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	10/02/2012			M	11,359		\$ 17.68	71,712	D		
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	10/02/2012			S	11,359	D	\$ 94	60,353	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 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. Transactiv Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of tionDerivative 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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	\$ 17.68	10/02/2012		М		11,359	02/01/2004	02/01/2013	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	11,359

Reporting Owners

Relationships						
Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
		Sr. VP Exploration				
	Director		Director 10% Owner Officer Sr. VP			

Signatures

Arnold J. Johnson, Attorney-in-Fact 10/03/2012

**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).

Remarks:

Transaction pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.

Column 5 of Table I includes 26,251 restricted shares of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock directly held by the reporting personate Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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