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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement NOBLE ENERGY INC [NBL] Willingham Gary W. (Month/Day/Year) 04/23/2013 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE, (Check all applicable) SUITE 100 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Sr. VP Onshore US Person HOUSTON, TXÂ 77067 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) 5 I Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock 401(k)Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock 25,071 D Â Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying	4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	or Exercise Price of	Form of Derivative	Ownership (Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	02/01/2006	02/01/2015	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	4,224	\$ 29.87	D	Â
Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	02/01/2007	02/01/2016	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	2,992	\$ 45.94	D	Â
Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	02/01/2008	02/01/2017	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	7,979	\$ 53.42	D	Â
Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	01/30/2010	01/30/2019	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	12,323	\$ 50.21	D	Â
Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	02/01/2009	02/01/2018	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	9,662	\$ 72.94	D	Â
Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	02/01/2011	02/01/2020	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	9,202	\$ 75.09	D	Â
Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	02/01/2012	02/01/2021	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	9,509	\$ 90.41	D	Â
Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	02/01/2013	02/01/2022	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	8,697	\$ 101.82	D	Â
Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	02/01/2014	02/01/2023	Noble Energy,	9,713	\$ 109.19	D	Â

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Inc.
Common
Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
. 9	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Willingham Gary W.					
100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE, SUITE 100	Â	Â	Sr. VP Onshore US	Â	
HOUSTON Â TXÂ 77067					

Signatures

Aaron G. Carlson, Attorney-in-Fact

05/03/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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Remarks:

Column 2 of Table I includes 10,328 restricted shares of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock directl

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