

NOBLE ENERGY INC  
Form 8-K  
February 13, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 1, 2012

**NOBLE ENERGY, INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

001-07964  
Commission  
File Number

73-0785597  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

100 Glenborough, Suite 100

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**Houston, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (281) 872-3100**

**(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)**

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

Dustin A. Hatley, age 45, was appointed as Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer of Noble Energy, Inc. (the Company) on February 1, 2012. He previously served as the Company's Corporate Controller from February 2011 and served in other progressive positions of responsibility after joining the Company in March 2005. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Hatley served as the Chief Accountant and Financial Reporting Manager for ENI Petroleum Co., Inc. in Houston, Texas. Before joining ENI Petroleum, he spent approximately fourteen years in the energy industry while working in Ernst & Young's audit practice or working directly for energy industry service companies. Mr. Hatley is a Certified Public Accountant and holds bachelors and masters degrees in Accounting from the University of Houston Clear Lake.

Mr. Frederick B. Bruning resigned as Chief Accounting Officer effective on February 1, 2012, but will remain with the Company as Vice President until his retirement in March 2012.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

NOBLE ENERGY, INC.

Date: February 13, 2012

By: /s/ Arnold J. Johnson  
Arnold J. Johnson  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary