

EDELMAN THOMAS J  
Form 4  
January 13, 2010

**FORM 4**

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

OMB APPROVAL

OMB Number: 3235-0287  
Expires: January 31, 2005  
Estimated average burden hours per response... 0.5

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
EDELMAN THOMAS J

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE,  
SUITE 100

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/11/2010

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

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

HOUSTON, TX 77067

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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 |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,100,000   | I  | Deferred Comp. Plans                                  |
| Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock | 01/11/2010                           |  | M                              | 114,614 A   | \$ 32.05 1,082,438  | D  |   |
| Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock | 01/11/2010                           |  | S                              | 114,614 D   | \$ 75.11 967,824  | D  |   |

|   |            |  |   |                      |   |             |           |   |
|---|------------|--|---|----------------------|---|-------------|-----------|---|
| Inc.<br>Common<br>Stock                     |            |  |   |                      |   |             |           |   |
| Noble<br>Energy,<br>Inc.<br>Common<br>Stock | 01/12/2010 |  | M | 100,000              | A | \$<br>32.05 | 1,067,824 | D |
| Noble<br>Energy,<br>Inc.<br>Common<br>Stock | 01/12/2010 |  | S | <u>72,716</u><br>(2) |   | \$ 76.4     | 995,108   | D |
| Noble<br>Energy,<br>Inc.<br>Common<br>Stock | 01/12/2010 |  | S | <u>27,284</u><br>(3) |   | \$<br>77.05 | 967,824   | D |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially 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 currently valid OMB control number.**

SEC 1474  
(9-02)

**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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative 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 Number Shares                                    |
| Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy) | \$ 32.05   | 01/11/2010                           |  | M                              | 114,614   | 05/16/2005 02/22/2010                                    | Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock 114,6                         |
| Employee Stock Option Grant (right to      | \$ 32.05   | 01/12/2010                           |  | M                              | 100,000   | 05/16/2005 02/22/2010                                    | Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock 100,0                         |

