

DAVIDSON CHARLES D  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**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 \*  
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)  
10/18/2010

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 & CEO

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

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock					3,249 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	401(k)
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	10/18/2010		M		11,090	A	\$ 16.27
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	10/18/2010		S		6,530	D	\$ 79
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Inc. Common Stock							
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	10/18/2010	S	2,360	D	\$ 79	339,418	D
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	10/18/2010	S	200	D	\$ 79.01	339,218	D
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	10/18/2010	S	1,700	D	\$ 79.02	337,518	D
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	10/18/2010	S	300	D	\$ 79.04	337,218	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. 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 or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option Grant	\$ 16.27	10/18/2010		M	11,090	02/01/2003 02/01/2012	Noble Energy, Inc. Common 11,090

(right to  
buy)

Stock

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Arnold J. Johnson, Attorney-in-Fact	10/20/2010
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\*\*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) Holdings under the Company's 401(k) Plan are reported in units by the plan administrator. The units represent shares of Company common stock. The number of shares represented by the units is based upon the plan statement as of October 18, 2010 and calculated by dividing the aggregate unit balance under the 401(k) by the closing price of the Company's common stock on that date.

### Remarks:

Column 5 of Table 1 includes 130,707 restricted shares of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock directly held by the reporting person.

Transaction pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan providing for the exercise of up to 77,000 Noble Energy, Inc. stock options. The reported transaction represents the partial execution of the trading plan by the broker administering such plan.

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