

Fairchild George W Jr
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Fairchild George W Jr

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/ [NFX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 4 WATERWAY SQUARE PLACE,
 STE 100

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/08/2013

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 Controller

(Street)
 THE WOODLANDS, TX 77380

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

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

(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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction of Derivative | 5. Number | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|---|-----------------------------------|
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | |
|-----------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|---|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Unit | \$ 0 | 02/08/2013 | A | | 3,300 (1) | | 04/15/2016 | 04/15/2018 | common stock | 3,300 |
| Restricted Stock Unit | \$ 0 | 02/08/2013 | A | | 8,100 (2) | | 08/15/2013 | 02/01/2016 | common stock | 8,100 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Fairchild George W Jr
4 WATERWAY SQUARE PLACE, STE 100
THE WOODLANDS, TX 77380

Controller

Signatures

/s/ Melissa L. Mong, attorney-in-fact for George W. Fairchild, Jr.

02/12/2013

__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) The shares subject to this award have the possibility of vesting monthly, no earlier than April 15, 2016 and no later than April 15, 2018, and will only vest if certain performance criteria are met.
- (2) The shares subject to this award will vest in four equal installments on August 15, 2013, August 15, 2014, August 15, 2015 and February 1, 2016.

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