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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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] Elliott J. Keith (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 Eastern Mediterranean Person HOUSTON, TXÂ 77067 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock D 19,720 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 currently valid OMB control number.

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

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

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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | Amount or Number of Shares | | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|---|----------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|---|
| Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy) | 02/01/2011 | 02/01/2020 | Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock | 9,717 | \$ 75.09 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy) | 02/01/2012 | 02/01/2021 | Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock | 10,495 | \$ 90.41 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy) | 02/01/2013 | 02/01/2022 | Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock | 10,495 | \$ 101.82 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy) | 02/01/2014 | 02/01/2023 | Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock | 11,479 | \$ 109.19 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | |
| Elliott J. Keith 100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77067 | Â | Â | Sr. VP Eastern Mediterranean | Â | |

Signatures

Aaron G. Carlson, Attorney-in-Fact 05/01/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

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Remarks:

Column 2 of Table I includes 12,121 restricted shares of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock directl Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *See* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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