

DAVIDSON CHARLES D
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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 *
 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)
 05/17/2013

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)
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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					3,318	I	401(k)
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	05/17/2013		M		29,426	A	\$ 29.87
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	05/17/2013		S		19,127	D	\$ 119
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock					541,104	D	

Inc.
Common
Stock

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 (right to buy)	\$ 29.87	05/17/2013		M	29,426	02/01/2006 02/01/2015	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock 29,426

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 05/20/2013

__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).

Remarks:

Transaction pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.

Column 5 of Table I includes 99,306 restricted shares of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock directly held by the reporting person.

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