

NOBLE ENERGY INC  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
COX EDWARD F

(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)  
07/13/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	07/13/2006		M		12,000	A	\$ 19.8125
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	07/13/2006		S		2,300	D	\$ 46.61
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	07/13/2006		S		200	D	\$ 46.62

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Inc.,  
Common  
Stock

Noble  
Energy,  
Inc.,  
Common  
Stock

07/13/2006 S 3,400 D \$ 46.65 35,677 D

Noble  
Energy,  
Inc.,  
Common  
Stock

07/13/2006 S 800 D \$ 46.66 34,877 D

Noble  
Energy,  
Inc.,  
Common  
Stock

07/13/2006 S 300 D \$ 46.67 34,577 D

Noble  
Energy,  
Inc.,  
Common  
Stock

07/13/2006 S 2,500 D \$ 46.7 32,077 D

Noble  
Energy,  
Inc.,  
Common  
Stock

07/13/2006 S 2,500 D \$ 46.75 29,577 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Nu

Non-Employee Director Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	\$ 19.8125	07/13/2006	M	12,000	07/01/1998	07/01/2007	Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COX EDWARD F 100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77067				

## Signatures

Edward F. Cox                      07/14/2006  
 \_\_Signature of Reporting              Date  
   Person

Arnold J.  
Johnson, POA                      07/14/2006  
 \_\_Signature of Reporting              Date  
   Person

Chris Tong, POA                      07/14/2006  
 \_\_Signature of Reporting              Date  
   Person

## 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:

Column 5. of Table I includes 1,577 restricted shares of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock.

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