

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/  
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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 \*  
RICKMERS BRIAN L

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)  
363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY E,  
SUITE 100

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/07/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Controller & Asst Sec

(Street)  
  
HOUSTON, TX 77060

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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
common stock <sup>(1)</sup>	02/07/2011		M		1,333	A	\$ 0	37,409	D
common stock	02/07/2011		F		353	D	\$ 74.7	37,056	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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit (2)	\$ 0	02/07/2011		M	1,333	02/07/2010 02/07/2012	common stock	1,333

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RICKMERS BRIAN L 363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY E, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77060			Controller & Asst Sec	

## Signatures

/S/ John D. Marziotti as attorney-in-fact for Brian L. Rickmers

02/09/2011

\_\_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) On February 7, 2011, one-third of the Reporting Person's restricted stock units were settled for an equal number of shares of Newfield common stock.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit is a contingent right to acquire one share of Newfield common stock. On February 7, 2011, one-third of the Reporting Person's restricted stock units were settled for an equal number of shares of Newfield common stock.

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