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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/ [NFX] Metcalf James J (Month/Day/Year) 12/01/2005 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 363 N. SAM HOUSTON (Check all applicable) PKWY.E.,#2020 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director \_X\_\_ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Vice President - Drilling Person HOUSTON, TXÂ 77060 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â D common stock 54,309 1,674 I 401K Plan common stock 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

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

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying |             | 5.<br>Ownership | 6. Nature of Indirect<br>Beneficial Ownership |
|--|---|--|-------------|-----------------|---|
|  | (Month/Day/Year)                        | Derivative Security                          | or Exercise | Form of         | (Instr. 5)                                    |
|  |   | (Instr. 4)                                   | Price of    | Derivative      |   |

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|                                | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares | Derivative<br>Security | Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |   |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|---|---|
| employee stock optright to buy | (1)                 | 02/12/2008         | common<br>stock | 5,000                            | \$ 0                   | D   | Â |
| employee stock optright to buy | (2)                 | 02/10/2010         | common<br>stock | 15,000                           | \$ 0                   | D   | Â |
| employee stock optright to buy | (3)                 | 02/10/2010         | common<br>stock | 5,000                            | \$ 0                   | D   | Â |
| employee stock optright to buy | (4)                 | 02/09/2011         | common<br>stock | 15,000                           | \$ 0                   | D   | Â |
| employee stock optright to buy | (5)                 | 02/07/2012         | common<br>stock | 18,000                           | \$ 0                   | D   | Â |
| employee stock optright to buy | (6)                 | 08/14/2012         | common<br>stock | 10,000                           | \$ 0                   | D   | Â |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                                     |       |  |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|-------|--|
| <b>F-</b>   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer   Vice President - Drilling | Other |  |
| Metcalf James J<br>363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY.E.,#2020<br>HOUSTON, TX 77060<br><b>Signatures</b> | Â             | Â         | President -                         | Â     |  |
| Metcalf   | James J.      | 12/12/200 | 95                                  |       |  |
| **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).
- (1) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 20,000 shares from the Issuer's 1995 Stock Plan, exercisable at \$11.85 per share. The options vested in five annual installments beginning 2/12/99.
- (2) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 15,000 shares from the Issuer's 1998 Stock Plan, exercisable at \$14.91 per share. The options vested in five annual installments beginning 2/10/01.
- (3) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 5,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan, exercisable at \$14.91 per share. The options vested in five annual installments beginning 2/10/01.
- (4) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 15,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan, exercisable at \$19.02 per share. The options vested in five annual installments beginning 2/09/2002.
- (5) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 18,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan, exercisable at \$16.87 per share. The options vested in five annual installments beginning 2/07/2003.
- (6) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 10,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan, exercisable at \$16.25 per share. The options vested in five annual installments beginning 8/14/2003.

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