

NOBLE ENERGY INC

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FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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| Telephone | 2818723100 |
| CIK | 0000072207 |
| Symbol | NBL |
| SIC Code | 1311 - Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas |
| Industry | Oil & Gas Exploration and Production |
| Sector | Energy |
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
| STOVER DAVID L | | | NOBLE ENERGY INC [NBL] | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) President, CEO & Director | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) | | | | | |
| 1001 NOBLE ENERGY WAY | | | 2/1/2017 | | | | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | |
| HOUSTON, TX 77070 | | | | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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. Trans. Date | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 3. Trans. 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 | 2/1/2017 | | F | | 12172 (1) | D | \$39.46 | 511853 | D | |
| Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock | 2/1/2017 | | A | | 65467 (2) | A | \$0 | 577320 | D | |
| Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock | 2/1/2017 | | A | | 130934 (3) | A | \$0 | 708254 | D | |

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

| 1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Trans. Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Trans. 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 | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option Grant (Right to Buy) | \$39.46 | 2/1/2017 | | A | | 194821 | | (4) | 2/1/2027 | Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock | 194821 | \$0 | 194821 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- (Reflects shares relinquished to Noble Energy, Inc. by the reporting person out of, and to cover estimated tax withholding for, restricted shares granted on
1) February 1, 2016, and vesting on February 1, 2017. The stock price reflected in Table I Column 4 was determined based on "fair market value," defined in the
1992 Plan for this transaction as the closing trading price of Noble Energy, Inc. common stock on the NYSE on February 1, 2017.
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2) Restricted shares of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock subject to vesting 40% after year one and the final 60% after year two, granted under the 1992 Plan.
(Performance restricted stock will vest three years after the date of grant upon, and subject to a formula related to, the Company's achievement of certain levels
3) of total shareholder return (TSR) relative to a pre-determined industry peer group, granted under the 1992 Plan.
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4) The option is exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning one year after the date of grant.

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| STOVER DAVID L 1001 NOBLE ENERGY WAY HOUSTON, TX 77070 | X | | President, CEO & Director | |

Signatures

/s/ Aaron G. Carlson, Attorney-in-Fact

2/2/2017

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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