NOBLE ENERGY INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

See Instruction

MCELVANY JAMES L			Symbol NOBLE ENERGY INC [NBL]				Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE, SUITE 100			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/01/2005				Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
HOUSTON,	(Street) TX 77067		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					Sr. Vice President 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-De	rivative S	ecurit	ties Acc	quired, Disposed (of, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	any			3.	4. Securities actionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Noble Energy Inc., Restricted Stock Award	02/01/2005			Code V	Amount 1,588	(D)	Price	25,125	D	
Noble Energy Inc., Common Stock	02/01/2005			J	0 (2)	D	\$ 0	6,497	I	401(k)

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

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 $\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number op f 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	Amoun or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	\$ 59.74	02/01/2005		A	7,790	02/01/2006(1)	02/01/2015	Noble Energy Inc., Common Stock	7,790

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Na	Relationships					
		Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
MCELVANY JAMES L 100 GLENBOROUGH DR HOUSTON, TX 77067			Sr. Vice President			
Signatures						
James L. McElvany	02/03/2005					
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date					
Arnold J. Johnson, POA	02/03/2005					
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date					
Charles D. Davidson, POA	02/03/2005					
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date					

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- * 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) Options vest 1/3 each year for three years.
- (2) See remarks for description of price and share calculations.

Remarks:

Column 5. of Table I includes 3681 shares of restricted stock and 21444 unrestricted shares that are directly owned.

Holdings under the Company's 401(k) Plan are reported in units by the plan administrator. The units represent shares of Company Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.