

EDELMAN THOMAS J
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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 *
 EDELMAN THOMAS J

(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)
 12/15/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 ____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/15/2005		M		45,704	A	\$ 6.02	1,306,904	D	
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/15/2005		S		5,000	D	\$ 42.93	1,301,904	D	
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/15/2005		S		5,000	D	\$ 42.94	1,296,904	D	

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Inc., Common Stock							
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/15/2005	S	5,000	D	\$ 42.96	1,291,904	D
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/15/2005	S	5,000	D	\$ 42.9602	1,286,904	D
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/15/2005	S	4,800	D	\$ 43.01	1,282,104	D
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/15/2005	S	5,200	D	\$ 43.03	1,276,904	D
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/15/2005	S	5,000	D	\$ 43.1	1,271,904	D
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/15/2005	S	5,400	D	\$ 43.2	1,266,504	D
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/15/2005	S	304	D	\$ 43.23	1,266,200	D
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	12/15/2005	S	5,000	D	\$ 42.9006	1,261,200	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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	\$ 6.02	12/15/2005		M	45,704	05/16/2005 02/21/2006	Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock 45,704

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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HOUSTON, TX 77067

Signatures

Thomas J. Edelman 12/19/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Arnold J. Johnson, POA 12/19/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Chris Tong, POA 12/19/2005

**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).

Remarks:

Column 5. of Table I includes 4,800 restricted shares of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock

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