

JOHNSON ARNOLD J  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
JOHNSON ARNOLD 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)  
02/01/2008

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)  
VP General Counsel & Secretary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  |   |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (D)  | Price                             |
| Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock |                                      |  |                                |   | 2,541 <sup>(1)</sup>  | I  | 401(k)                            |
| Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock | 02/01/2008                           |  | A                              |   | 5,195 <sup>(3)</sup>  | A  | \$ 0 23,302                       |
| Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock | 02/01/2008                           |  | F                              |   | 969 <sup>(4)</sup>  | D  | \$ 72.94 22,333                   |



## 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).

Holdings under the Company's 401(k) Plan are reported in units by the plan administrator. The units represent shares of Company

(1) common stock. The number of shares represented by the units is based upon the plan statement as of February 1, 2008 and calculated by dividing the aggregate unit balance under the 401(k) by the closing price of the Company's common stock on that date.

(2) Options vest 1/3 each year for three years.

(3) Restricted shares of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock subject to a 3-year restriction, granted under the 1992 Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan.

This reported transaction reflects shares relinquished to Noble Energy, Inc. by the reporting person out of, and to cover estimated tax withholding for, restricted shares granted on February 1, 2005 and August 1, 2005, and vesting on February 1, 2008. The stock price

(4) reflected in Table I Column 4 was determined based on "fair market value," defined in the Noble Energy, Inc. 1992 Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan as the average of the reported high and low trading price of Noble Energy, Inc. common stock on the NYSE on February 1, 2008.

### Remarks:

Column 5 of the last row of Table 1 includes 16,664 restricted shares of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock.

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