

NOBLE ENERGY INC  
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# FORM 4

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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 \*  
BULLINGTON ALAN R

(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)  
05/16/2008

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)

Retired Sr. VP International

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	(D)	Price
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock					8,232 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	401(k)
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	05/16/2008		M		12,872	A	\$ 22.23
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	05/16/2008		M		15,580	A	\$ 29.87

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Inc. Common Stock								
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	05/16/2008	S	3,298	D	\$ 99.79	57,860		D
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	05/16/2008	S	500	D	\$ 99.82	57,360		D
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	05/16/2008	S	300	D	\$ 99.83	57,060		D
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	05/16/2008	S	600	D	\$ 99.84	56,460		D
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	05/16/2008	S	600	D	\$ 99.85	55,860		D
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	05/16/2008	S	2,280	D	\$ 99.86	53,580		D
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	05/16/2008	S	1,542	D	\$ 99.87	52,038		D
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	05/16/2008	S	800	D	\$ 99.88	51,238		D
Noble Energy, Inc.	05/16/2008	S	1,100	D	\$ 99.89	50,138		D

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Common Stock							
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	05/16/2008	S	700	D	\$ 99.9	49,438	D
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	05/16/2008	S	502	D	\$ 99.91	48,936	D
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	05/16/2008	S	2,100	D	\$ 99.92	46,836	D
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	05/16/2008	S	100	D	\$ 99.93	46,736	D
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	05/16/2008	S	500	D	\$ 99.94	46,236	D
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	05/16/2008	S	300	D	\$ 99.96	45,936	D
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	05/16/2008	S	100	D	\$ 99.97	45,836	D
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	05/16/2008	S	300	D	\$ 99.98	45,536	D
Noble Energy, Inc. Common	05/16/2008	S	1,100	D	\$ 99.64	44,436	D

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Stock							
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	05/16/2008	S	1,584	D	\$ 99.65	42,852	D
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	05/16/2008	S	3,216	D	\$ 99.66	39,636	D
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	05/16/2008	S	1,400	D	\$ 99.68	38,236	D
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	05/16/2008	S	1,600	D	\$ 99.71	36,636	D
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	05/16/2008	S	788	D	\$ 99.72	35,848	D
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	05/16/2008	S	1,500	D	\$ 99.73	34,348	D
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	05/16/2008	S	500	D	\$ 99.75	33,848	D
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	05/16/2008	S	800	D	\$ 99.77	33,048	D
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	05/16/2008	S	222	D	\$ 99.78	32,826	D

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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)	\$ 22.23	05/16/2008		M	12,872	02/01/2005 02/01/2014	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock 12,872
Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	\$ 29.87	05/16/2008		M	15,580	02/01/2006 02/01/2015	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock 15,580

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BULLINGTON ALAN R 100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77067				Retired Sr. VP International

## Signatures

Arnold J. Johnson,  
Attorney-in-Fact 05/20/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## 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 May 16, 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.

### Remarks:

Column 5 of the last row of Table 1 includes 26,098 restricted shares of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock.

Mr. Bullington retired from the Company effective May 1, 2008 and is no longer subject to Section 16.

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