STOVER DAVID L

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading STOVER DAVID L Issuer Symbol NOBLE ENERGY INC [NBL] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE, 02/01/2005 below) SUITE 100 Sr. VP of Bus. Dev. & Domestic (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

HOUSTON, TX 77067

Stock Award

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Noble Energy Inc., Restricted 02/01/2005 A 1,588 \$0 D Α 3,247

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number out Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year | | 7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and | Securities |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|---|--------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| | | | | 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 Name / Address | | Relation | ships | |
|----------------------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|-------|
| 18 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| STOVER DAVID L | | | Sr. VP of | |
| 100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE, SUITE 100 | | | Bus. Dev. & | |
| HOUSTON, TX 77067 | | | Domestic | |

| HOUSTON, TX 77067 | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Signatures | |
| David L. Stover | 02/03/2005 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| Arnold J. Johnson, POA | 02/03/2005 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| James L. McElvany, POA | 02/03/2005 |
| **Signature of Reporting | 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.

Reporting Owners 2

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Remarks:

Column 5. of Table I includes 3247 shares of restricted stock.

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