

Bruning Frederick Brian
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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 *
 Bruning Frederick Brian

(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)
 02/01/2006

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)

Chief Accounting Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock	02/01/2006		A	(A) or (D)	1,380 (1) \$ 0 1,380	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)
Employee Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	\$ 45.94	02/01/2006		A	6,262	02/01/2007 ⁽²⁾ 02/01/2016	Noble Energy, Inc., Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bruning Frederick Brian 100 GLENBOROUGH DRIVE, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77067			Chief Accounting Officer	

Signatures

Frederick B. Bruning 02/03/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Arnold J. Johnson, POA 02/03/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Chris Tong, POA 02/03/2006

**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).
- (1) Restricted shares of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock.

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

Remarks:

Column 5. of Table I includes 1,380 restricted shares of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock

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