

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
RATHERT TERRY W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/ [NFX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
**4 WATERWAY SQUARE
 PLACE, SUITE 100**
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/08/2013

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

THE WOODLANDS, TX 77380
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (D) Price			
common stock	02/11/2013		F	1,665 D \$ 29.36	168,392	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)

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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
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	02/08/2013		M	45,900 (1)	04/15/2016 04/15/2018	common stock 45,900
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	02/08/2013		M	36,900 (2)	08/15/2013 02/01/2016	common stock 36,900

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RATHERT TERRY W 4 WATERWAY SQUARE PLACE SUITE 100 THE WOODLANDS, TX 77380			EVP and CFO	

Signatures

/S/ John D. Marziotti as attorney-in-fact for Terry W. Rathert
02/12/2013

__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) The shares subject to this award have the possibility of vesting monthly, no earlier than April 15, 2016 and no later than April 15, 2018, and will only vest if certain performance criteria are met.
- (2) The shares subject to this award will vest in four equal installments on August 15, 2013, August 15, 2014, August 15, 2015 and February 1, 2016.

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