

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/
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FORM 4

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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 *
RICKMERS BRIAN L

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)
363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY E,
SUITE 2020

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/07/2008

____ Director
____ Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
Controller & Asst Sec

HOUSTON, TX 77060

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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) Price | | | |
| common stock | | | | | 25,884 | 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Employee Stock Option-Right to Buy | \$ 48.45 | 02/07/2008 | | A | 8,000 | 02/07/2009 ⁽¹⁾ 02/07/2018 | common stock 8,000 |
| Restricted Stock Unit | \$ 0 | 02/07/2008 | | A | 4,000 ⁽²⁾ | 02/07/2010 ⁽³⁾ 02/07/2012 | common stock 4,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| RICKMERS BRIAN L 363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY E, SUITE 2020 HOUSTON, TX 77060 | | | Controller & Asst Sec | |

Signatures

Brian L. Rickmers 02/11/2008

**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).
- (1) The options vest 20% per year commencing on the first anniversary of the grant.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Newfield common stock.
- (3) The restricted stock units vest in three equal installments beginning on the second anniversary of the grant.

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