

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/

Form 4

February 14, 2012

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
RATHERT TERRY W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**4 WATERWAY SQUARE
PLACE, SUITE 100**

(Street)

THE WOODLANDS, TX 77380

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

**NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO
/DE/ [NFX]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/10/2012

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)
EVP and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
common stock				(A) or (D)	Price		
			Code	V	Amount		
common stock	02/10/2012		A		29,000 (1)	A	\$ 0
common stock	02/10/2012		A		23,200 (2)	A	\$ 0
common stock	02/11/2012		F		1,896	D	\$ 37.86
					10,863	I	By Trust
					191,809	D	
					215,009	D	
					213,113	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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 10)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

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 02/14/2012

__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, 2015 and no later than April 16, 2017, 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, 2012, August 15, 2013, August 15, 2014 and August 15, 2015.

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