

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/  
Form 4  
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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)  
**02/10/2012**

\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)   
EVP and CFO

**THE WOODLANDS, TX 77380**

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

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

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
common stock					10,863	I	By Trust
common stock	02/10/2012		A		29,000 (1)	A	\$ 0 191,809
common stock	02/10/2012		A		23,200 (2)	A	\$ 0 215,009
common stock	02/11/2012		F		1,896	D	\$ 37.86 213,113

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 (Instr. 6)
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## 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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