

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/

Form 4

February 15, 2011

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
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)
363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY E,
SUITE 100

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
02/11/2011

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

(Street)
HOUSTON, TX 77060

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
 Applicable Line)
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 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)
common stock				(A) or (D)	Price		
			Code	V	Amount		
common stock	02/11/2011		A		15,600 (1)	A \$ 0 150,309	D
common stock	02/11/2011		A		19,300 (2)	A \$ 0 169,609	D
						12,869	I By Trust

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 Reported 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
363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY E, SUITE 100
HOUSTON, TX 77060

EVP and CFO

Signatures

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

02/15/2011

__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 will vest in equal annual installments on February 11, 2012, February 11, 2013 and February 11, 2014.

(2) The shares subject to this award have the possibility of vesting monthly, no earlier than April 15, 2014 and no later than April 15, 2016, and will only vest if certain performance criteria are met.

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