

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/

Form 4

February 09, 2012

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

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1(b).

**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)  
**02/07/2012**

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  
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Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V                                                                   | Amount<br>(A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                                                         | Price                                                                |                                         |
| common<br>stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                     |                                                                                                                    | 10,863                                                               | I By Trust                              |
| common<br>stock <sup>(1)</sup>        | 02/07/2012                              |                                                             | M                                       |                                                                     | 7,500                                                                                                              | A \$ 0                                                               | 165,543 D                               |
| common<br>stock                       | 02/07/2012                              |                                                             | F                                       |                                                                     | 2,734                                                                                                              | D \$<br>37.76                                                        | 162,809 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |     | 7. Title and Amount<br>of Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                    |                 |                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                                                               | (A)                                                            | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                                                    | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Restricted<br>Stock Unit<br>(2)                     | \$ 0                                                               | 02/07/2012                              |                                                             | M                                    |                                                                                                                 | 7,500                                                          |     | 02/07/2010                                                             | 02/07/2012         | common<br>stock | 7,500                                  |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

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

02/09/2012

\_\_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) Each restricted stock unit is a contingent right to acquire one share of Newfield common stock. On February 7, 2012, one-third of the Reporting Persons restricted stock units were settled for an equal number of shares of Newfield common stock.
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