NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/
Form 4
February 14, 2012

FORM 4

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

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

(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)
Chief Commercial Officer

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
common stock (1)	02/10/2012		A		3,100 (2)	A	$ 0	41,536	D	
common stock	02/10/2012		A		7,500 (3)	A	$ 0	49,036	D	
common stock	02/10/2012		A		3,000 (4)	A	$ 0	52,036	D	

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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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				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
RICKMERS BRIAN L 4 WATERWAY SQUARE PLACE SUITE 100 THE WOODLANDS, TX 77380			Chief Commercial Officer	

Signatures

/S/ John D. Marziotti as attorney-in-fact for Brian L. Rickmers	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).

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(1) Includes 355 shares of common stock acquired by the reporting person on June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2011 pursuant to the Newfield Exploration Company Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

(2) 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.

(3) 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.

(4) The shares subject to this award will vest in three equal installments on March 1, 2013, March 1, 2014 and March 1, 2015.

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