

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/
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**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 *
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)
02/04/2012

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)
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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 (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
			Code	V	Amount		
common stock	02/04/2012		F		1,914	D	\$ 37.99 50,122 D
common stock ⁽¹⁾	02/07/2012		M		1,334	A	\$ 0 51,456 D
common stock	02/07/2012		F		353	D	\$ 37.76 51,103 D
common stock	02/11/2012		F		529	D	\$ 37.86 50,574 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit (2)	\$ 0	02/07/2012		M	1,334	02/07/2010 02/07/2012	common stock	1,334

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

03/19/2012

__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) 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.
- (2) 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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