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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* STOVER DAVID L (Last) (First) (Middle) 1001 NOBLE ENERGY WAY (Street) HOUSTON TX 77070 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NOBLE ENERGY INC [NBL] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) President, CEO & Director |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/01/2018 | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |

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 | | | |
| Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock | 02/01/2018 | | F | | 12,274 ⁽¹⁾ | D | \$30.89 | 666,050 | D | |
| Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock | 02/01/2018 | | F | | 10,305 ⁽²⁾ | D | \$30.89 | 655,745 | D | |
| Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock | 02/01/2018 | | A | | 87,811 ⁽³⁾ | A | \$0 | 743,556 | D | |

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Employee Stock Option Grant (Right to Buy) | \$30.89 | 02/01/2018 | | A | | 111,031 | | (4) | 02/01/2028 | Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock | 111,031 | \$0 | 111,031 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- Reflects shares relinquished to Noble Energy, Inc. by the reporting person out of, and to cover estimated tax withholding for, restricted shares granted on February 1, 2016, and vesting on February 1, 2018. The stock price reflected in Table I Column 4 was determined based on "fair market value," defined in the 1992 Plan for this transaction as the closing trading price of Noble Energy, Inc. common stock on the NYSE on February 1, 2018.
- Reflects shares relinquished to Noble Energy, Inc. by the reporting person out of, and to cover estimated tax withholding for, restricted shares granted on February 1, 2017, and vesting on February 1, 2018. The stock price reflected in Table I Column 4 was determined based on "fair market value," defined in the 1992 Plan for this transaction as the closing trading price of Noble Energy, Inc. common stock on the NYSE on February 1, 2018.
- Restricted shares of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock subject to vesting 1/3 after year one, 1/3 after year two and the final 1/3 after year three, granted under the 2017 Plan.
- The option is exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning one year after the date of grant, granted under the 2017 Plan.

/s/ Aaron G. Carlson, 02/05/2018
Attorney-in-Fact

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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