

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Rimer Charles J.</u> (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) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Sr. VP US Onshore |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/30/2018 | |
| 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 | 01/30/2018 | | D | | 9,426 ⁽¹⁾ | D | \$0 | 78,039 | D | |
| Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock | | | | | | | | 5,068 | I | 401(k) |

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 | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Reflects unvested shares of performance restricted stock granted on January 30, 2015 forfeited to Noble Energy, Inc. on January 30, 2018.

/s/ Aaron G. Carlson,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/01/2018

** 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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LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY

For Executing SEC Forms 3, 4 and 5

The undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Aaron G. Carlson, Pamela L. Taylor and Harry R. Beaudry signing singly, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorneys-in-fact to:

(1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as a director or officer of Noble Energy, Inc. (the "Company"), SEC Forms 3, 4 and 5 and amendments thereto in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules promulgated thereunder;

(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 or 5 or amendment thereto and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and any stock exchange or similar authority; and

(3) take any other action of any type whatsoever which in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Limited Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in his or her discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or his or her substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Limited Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Limited Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file SEC Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities relating to the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact. This Limited Power of Attorney revokes, replaces and supercedes all prior Limited Powers of Attorney related to the filing of SEC Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings and transactions in securities relating to the Company.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Limited Power of Attorney to be executed effective as of the 29th day of January 2018.

/s/ Charles J. Rimer
Charles J. Rimer