

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**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 \*  
**RATHERT TERRY W**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/ [NFX]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**08/15/2012**

\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below) \_\_\_\_\_  
EVP and CFO

**4 WATERWAY SQUARE  
PLACE, SUITE 100**

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**THE WOODLANDS, TX 77380**

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
common stock	08/15/2012		M		10,000	A	\$ 17.84	223,613	D	
common stock	08/15/2012		S		10,000	D	\$ 32.1471	213,613	D	
common stock	08/15/2012		G	V	5,991	D	\$ 0	4,872	I	By Trust
common stock <sup>(1)</sup>	08/15/2012		F		2,115	D	\$ 32.13	211,498	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
employee stock option - right to buy	\$ 17.84	08/15/2012		M	10,000	11/26/2003 11/26/2012	common stock	10,000

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/S/ John D. Marziotti as attorney-in-fact for Terry W. Rathert  
08/17/2012

\_\_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) Includes 500 shares of common stock acquired by the reporting person on June 30, 2012 pursuant to the Newfield Exploration Company Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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