

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
TRICE DAVID A

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)
 363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY E,
 SUITE 100

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/02/2010

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)

(Street)
 HOUSTON, TX 77060

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| common stock | | | | | 11,720 | I | IRA |
| common stock | | | | | 18,877 | I | By 401(k) |
| common stock | | | | | 18,450 | I | By GRAT |
| common stock | | | | | 18,450 | I | By Spouse/GRAT |
| common stock | 03/02/2010 | | M | 10,000 A \$ 16.87 | 396,765 | D | |

common stock 03/02/2010 S 10,000⁽¹⁾ D \$ 53.016 386,765 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| employee stock option - right to buy | \$ 16.87 | 03/02/2010 | | M | 10,000 | 02/07/2003 02/07/2012 | common stock 10,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

TRICE DAVID A
363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY E, SUITE 100
HOUSTON, TX 77060

Signatures

/S/ Michelle S. Miller as attorney-in-fact for David A. Trice

03/03/2010

**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).

Reflects the sale of 10,000 shares of common stock on March 2, 2010 at the weighted average sale price of \$53.01604. The prices for (1) these shares range from \$53.00 to \$53.07. The filer undertakes to provide, upon request by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the issuer or a security holder of issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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