

Howard Daryll T
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Howard Daryll T

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)
 4 WATERWAY SQUARE PLACE,
 SUITE 100

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 08/13/2012

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 V.P.-Rocky Mountains

(Street)
 THE WOODLANDS, TX 77380

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
common stock				(A) or (D)	Price		
common stock							
common stock							
common stock							
	08/13/2012		M	5,000	A	79,084	D
						4,704	I By 401k
						110	I By IRA
						100	I By Roth IRA
						1,000	I By Rollover IRA

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common stock					\$ 16.25		
common stock	08/13/2012		F	3,315	D	\$ 31.81	75,769 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
employee stock option - right to buy	\$ 16.25	08/13/2012		M	5,000	08/14/2007 08/14/2012	common stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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4 WATERWAY SQUARE PLACE, SUITE 100
THE WOODLANDS, TX 77380

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Signatures

/S/ John D. Marziotti as attorney-in-fact for Daryll T. Howard

08/14/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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