

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 *
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)

363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY. E., #2020

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/20/2004

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
Sr. Vice Pres./Chief Fin.Off

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
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
common stock					39,200	D	
common stock	12/20/2004		G	V 1,000 D \$ 0	26,725	I	by trust

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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 15.94					(1) 09/01/2008		common stock	50,000
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 29.81					(2) 02/10/2010		common stock	20,000
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 38.03					(3) 02/09/2011		common stock	10,000
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 33.73					(4) 02/07/2012		common stock	15,000
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 35.68					(5) 11/26/2012		common stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RATHERT TERRY W 363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY. E., #2020 HOUSTON, TX 77060			Sr. Vice Pres./Chief Fin.Off	

Signatures

Rathert Terry W. 12/28/2004

**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) The options vested in five equal annual installments beginning 2/12/1999.
- (2) The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 02/10/2001.
- (3) The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 02/09/2002.
- (4) The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 02/07/2003.
- (5) The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 11/26/2003.

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