

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**

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,  
SUITE 100  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/19/2009**

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

**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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | Code V Amount (D) Price                                           |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                            |
| common stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 27,439                                                                                        | I                                                        | By Trust                                   |
| common stock                    | 05/19/2009                           |                                                    | M                              | 20,000 A \$ 14.91                                                 | 166,696                                                                                       | D                                                        |                                            |
| common stock                    | 05/19/2009                           |                                                    | S                              | 20,000 (1) D \$ 33.1075                                           | 146,696                                                                                       | 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       | \$ 14.91                                               | 05/19/2009                           |                                                    | M                              | 20,000                                                                                  | 02/10/2001 02/10/2010                                    | common stock                                                  | 20,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

RATHERT TERRY W  
363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY E, SUITE 100  
HOUSTON, TX 77060

EVP and CFO

## Signatures

/S/ Michelle S. Miller as attorney-in-fact for Terry W. Rathert

05/20/2009

\_\_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 an aggregate of 20,000 shares of common stock on May 19, 2009 at the weighted average sale price of \$33.1075. The (1) prices for those sales ranged from \$33.03 to \$33.26. The filer undertakes to provide, upon request by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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