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(Print or Type	Responses)										
Fisher Kenneth M. Syr			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol NOBLE ENERGY INC [NBL]				-	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)				f Earliest Transaction				(Check all applicable)			
, <i>,</i>	LE ENERGY WA	,	(Month/E 02/01/2	Day/Year)				Director X Officer (give below) Exe		Owner er (specify	
				Amendment, Date Original Month/Day/Year)				<ul> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check</li> <li>Applicable Line)</li> <li>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person</li> <li> Form filed by More than One Reporting</li> </ul>			
HOUSTON	I, TX 77070							Person	ore than One Re	porung	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	le I - Non-D	Perivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	ransaction Date 2A. Deemed onth/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			4. Securiti on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	02/01/2017			F	2,627 (1)	D	\$ 39.46	156,423	D		
Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	02/01/2017			А	19,428 (2)	A	\$ 0	175,851	D		
Noble Energy,	02/01/2017			А	38,856 (3)	А	\$0	214,707	D		

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Inc. Common Stock

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration I (Month/Day	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (E	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Employee Stock Option Grant (Right to Buy)	\$ 39.46	02/01/2017		A	57,817	<u>(4)</u>	02/01/2027	Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock	57,817	

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Fisher Kenneth M. 1001 NOBLE ENERGY WAY HOUSTON, TX 77070			Exec. VP & CFO				
Signatures							
/s/ Aaron G. Carlson, Attorney-in-Fact		02/02/201	7				
**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).

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Reflects shares relinquished to Noble Energy, Inc. by the reporting person out of, and to cover estimated tax withholding for, restricted shares granted on February 1, 2016, and vesting on February 1, 2017. The stock price reflected in Table I Column 4 was determined

- shares granted on February 1, 2017, and vesting on February 1, 2017. The stock price reflected in Table 1 Column 4 was determined based on "fair market value," defined in the 1992 Plan for this transaction as the closing trading price of Noble Energy, Inc. common stock on the NYSE on February 1, 2017.
- (2) Restricted shares of Noble Energy, Inc. Common Stock subject to vesting 40% after year one and the final 60% after year two, granted under the 1992 Plan.

Performance restricted stock will vest three years after the date of grant upon, and subject to a formula related to, the Company's

- (3) achievement of certain levels of total shareholder return (TSR) relative to a pre-determined industry peer group, granted under the 1992 Plan.
- (4) The option is exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning one year after the date of grant.

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