

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**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
RICKMERS BRIAN L

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)  
02/25/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Controller & Asst Sec

HOUSTON, TX 77060

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
common stock					265	I	By 401k
common stock	02/25/2010		M		3,200	A	\$ 19.02 40,831
common stock	02/25/2010		M		2,000	A	\$ 16.53 42,831
common stock	02/25/2010		M		3,600	A	\$ 16.87 46,431
common stock	02/25/2010		M		2,400	A	\$ 16.25 48,831

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common stock	02/25/2010	M	4,800	A	\$ 16.6	53,631	D
common stock	02/25/2010	M	8,000	A	\$ 24.49	61,631	D
common stock	02/25/2010	S	24,000	D	\$ 50	37,631	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	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
employee stock option - right to buy	\$ 19.02	02/25/2010		M	3,200	02/09/2002 02/09/2011	common stock	3,200	
employee stock option - right to buy	\$ 16.53	02/25/2010		M	2,000	05/03/2002 05/03/2011	common stock	2,000	
employee stock option - right to buy	\$ 16.87	02/25/2010		M	3,600	02/07/2003 02/07/2012	common stock	3,600	
employee stock option - right to	\$ 16.25	02/25/2010		M	2,400	08/14/2003 08/14/2012	common stock	2,400	

buy employee stock option - right to buy	\$ 16.6	02/25/2010	M	4,800	02/12/2004	02/12/2013	common stock	4,800
buy employee stock option - right to buy	\$ 24.49	02/25/2010	M	8,000	02/11/2005	02/11/2014	common stock	8,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RICKMERS BRIAN L 363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY E, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77060			Controller & Asst Sec	

## Signatures

/S/ Michelle S. Miller as attorney-in-fact for Brian L.  
Rickmers

02/26/2010

\_\_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).

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