

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/  
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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 \*  
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)  
03/21/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ 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)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
common stock	03/21/2005		G	V	2,881	D	\$ 0 52,700 D
common stock	03/21/2005		G	V	2,881	A	\$ 0 29,849 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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 15.94					(1) 09/01/2008	common stock 15,000 (1)	
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 29.81					(2) 02/10/2010	common stock 20,000 (2)	
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 38.03					(3) 02/09/2011	common stock 10,000 (3)	
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 33.73					(4) 02/07/2012	common stock 15,000 (4)	
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 35.68					(5) 11/26/2012	common stock 10,000 (5)	

## 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

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Terry W.

03/21/2005

\_\_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) Part of grant to reporting person of 50,000 shares under the Issuer's 1998 Stock Option Plan. The options vested in five equal annual installments beginning 2/12/1999.
- (2) Grant to reporting person of 20,000 shares under the Issuer's 2000 Stock Option Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 2/10/2001.
- (3) Grant to reporting person of 10,000 shares under the Issuer's 2000 Stock Option Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 2/9/2002.
- (4) Grant to reporting person of 15,000 shares under the Issuer's 2000 Stock Option Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 2/7/2003.
- (5) Grant to reporting person of 10,000 shares under the Issuer's 2000 Stock Option Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 11/26/2003.

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