

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., #2020  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/03/2006

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

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	05/03/2006		F		106	D	
					\$ 47.05		
common stock					271.8	I	401K

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)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 19.02 (6)					(6) 02/09/2011		common stock	3,200 (6)
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 16.53 (1)					(1) 05/03/2011		common stock	2,000 (1)
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 16.87 (5)					(5) 02/07/2012		common stock	3,600 (5)
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 16.25 (3)					(3) 08/14/2012		common stock	2,400 (3)
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 16.6 (4)					(4) 02/12/2013		common stock	4,800 (4)
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 24.49 (2)					(2) 02/12/2014		common stock	10,000 (2)

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other  
Controller

RICKMERS BRIAN L  
363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY. E., #2020  
HOUSTON, TX 77060

## Signatures

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rickmers

Brian L.

05/17/2006

\*\*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 a grant of 2,500 shares to the reporting person under the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 5/03/2002. Part of a grant to the reporting person of 5,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vested in five annual installments beginning 5/3/02. This option was previously reported as covering 2,500 shares at an exercise price of \$33.05 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.
  - (2) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 10,000 shares from the Issuer's 2004 Stock Plan. The options vested in five annual installments beginning 2/11/2005. This option was previously reported as covering 5,000 shares at an exercise price of \$48.98 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.
  - (3) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 4,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vested in five annual installments beginning 8/14/03. This option was previously reported as covering 2,000 shares at an exercise price of \$32.50 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.
  - (4) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 6,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vested in five annual installments beginning 2/12/2004. This option was previously reported as covering 3,000 shares at an exercise price of \$33.20 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.
  - (5) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 6,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vested in five annual installments beginning. This option was previously reported as covering 3,000 shares at an exercise price of \$33.73 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.
  - (6) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 8,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vested in five annual installments beginning 2/09/2002. This option was previously reported as covering 4,000 shares at an exercise price of \$38.03 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.

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