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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * RATHERT TERRY W

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

below)

Symbol NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/ [NFX]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(Middle) (First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Month/Day/Year)

Sr. Vice Pres./Chief Fin.Off

363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY. E., 02/07/2007

#2020

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

HOUSTON, TX 77060

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | le I - No | n-D | Perivative | Secui | rities Acq | uired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------|-----|--|------------------------------|-------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transa Code (Instr. | | 4. Securi on(A) or Do (Instr. 3, | ispose 4 and (A) or | d of (D) | 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) |
| common stock | 02/07/2007 | | F | • | 1,458 | D | \$ 42.73 | 112,182 | D | |
| common stock | 02/08/2007 | | G | V | 239 | D | \$ 0 | 111,943 | D | |
| common stock | 02/08/2007 | | G | V | 239 | A | \$ 0 | 52,174 | 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Dr.Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | , | ate | 7. Title and of Underlyin Securities (Instr. 3 and | ng | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---------------------|--------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Employee stock opt right to buy | \$ 7.97 <u>(1)</u> | | | | | <u>(1)</u> | 09/01/2008 | common stock | 10,000 (1) | |
| Employee stock opt right to buy | \$ 14.91 (2) | | | | | (2) | 02/10/2010 | common stock | 40,000 | |
| Employee stock opt right to buy | \$ 19.02 (3) | | | | | (3) | 02/09/2011 | common stock | 20,000 | |
| Employee stock opt right to buy | \$ 16.87 (4) | | | | | <u>(4)</u> | 02/07/2012 | common stock | 30,000 | |
| Employee stock opt right to buy | \$ 17.84 (5) | | | | | <u>(5)</u> | 11/26/2012 | common stock | 20,000 (5) | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|-------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| RATHERT TERRY W | | | Sr. Vice | | | |
| 363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY. E., #2020 | | | Pres./Chief | | | |
| HOUSTON, TX 77060 | | | Fin.Off | | | |

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Signatures

| | Terry W. | 02/00/2007 |
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| Rathert | | 02/09/2007 |
| | **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).
- Part of grant to reporting person of 100,000 shares under the Issuer's 1998 Stock Option Plan. The options vested in five equal annual installments beginning 9/01/1999. This option was previously reported as covering 50,000 shares at an exercise price of \$15.94 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.
- Grant to reporting person of 40,000 shares under the Issuer's 2000 Stock Option Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual (2) installments beginning 2/10/2001. This option was previously reported as covering 20,000 shares at an exercise price of \$29.81 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.
- 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 2/9/2002. This option was previously reported as covering 10,000 shares at an exercise price of \$38.03 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.
- Grant to reporting person of 30,000 shares under the Issuer's 2000 Stock Option Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual (4) installments beginning 2/7/2003. This option was previously reported as covering 15,000 shares at an exercise price of \$33.73 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.
- Grant to reporting person of 20,000 shares under the Issuer's 2000 Stock Option Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual (5) installments beginning 11/26/2003. This option was previously reported as covering 10,000 shares at an exercise price of \$35.68 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.

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