

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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 TRICE DAVID A

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)  
 03/07/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President /Chief Executive Off / Chairman of the Board

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  
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
			Code	V	Amount		
common stock	03/07/2006		M		10,000	A	
					\$ 12.69		
common stock					6,720	I	by IRA

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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 12.69 <u>(1)</u>	03/07/2006		M	10,000	<u>(1)</u> 05/16/2009	common stock	10,000 <u>(1)</u>	
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 14.91 <u>(2)</u>					<u>(2)</u> 02/10/2010	common stock	60,000 <u>(2)</u>	
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 19.02 <u>(3)</u>					<u>(3)</u> 02/09/2011	common stock	40,000 <u>(3)</u>	
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 16.87 <u>(4)</u>					<u>(4)</u> 02/07/2012	common stock	40,000 <u>(4)</u>	
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 17.84 <u>(5)</u>					<u>(5)</u> 11/26/2012	common stock	40,000 <u>(5)</u>	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TRICE DAVID A 363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY. E., #2020 HOUSTON, TX 77060	X		President /Chief Executive Off	Chairman of the Board

## Signatures

\_\_\_\_\_ C. William Austin as Attorney in Fact  
for David A. Trice

03/15/2006

\_\_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 to the reporting person of 50,000 shares from the Issuer's 1998 Stock Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 5/16/2000. This option was previously reported as covering 25,000 shares at an exercise price of \$25.38 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.

(2) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 60,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 02/10/2001. This option was previously reported as covering 30,000 shares at an exercise price of \$29.81 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.

(3) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 40,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 02/09/2002. This option was previously reported as covering 20,000 shares at an exercise price of \$38.03 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.

(4) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 40,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 02/07/2003. This option was previously reported as covering 20,000 shares at an exercise price of \$33.73 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.

(5) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 40,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 11/26/2003. This option was previously reported as covering 20,000 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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