

Campbell Stephen C  
 Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 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 * Campbell Stephen C (Last) (First) (Middle)  4 WATERWAY SQUARE PLACE, SUITE 100 (Street)  THE WOODLANDS, TX 77380 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 05/07/2012	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/ [NFX]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Vice President-Investor Rel.	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
common stock <sup>(1)</sup>	20,394	D	À
common stock	602	I	By 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
employee stock option - right to buy <sup>(2)</sup>	02/07/2009	02/07/2018	common stock	8,000	\$ 48.45	D	Â
Restricted Stock Award <sup>(3)</sup>	02/04/2011	02/04/2014	common stock	4,800	\$ 0	D	Â
Restricted Stock Unit <sup>(4)</sup>	04/15/2013	02/04/2020	common stock	4,400	\$ 0	D	Â
Restricted Stock Unit <sup>(5)</sup>	02/04/2011	02/04/2013	common stock	2,400	\$ 0	D	Â
Restricted Stock Unit <sup>(6)</sup>	02/11/2012	02/11/2014	common stock	4,200	\$ 0	D	Â
Restricted Stock Unit <sup>(7)</sup>	04/15/2014	02/11/2021	common stock	3,900	\$ 0	D	Â
Restricted Stock Unit <sup>(8)</sup>	04/15/2015	02/10/2022	common stock	6,200	\$ 0	D	Â
Restricted Stock Unit <sup>(9)</sup>	08/15/2012	08/15/2015	common stock	9,900	\$ 0	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Campbell Stephen C 4 WATERWAY SQUARE PLACE, SUITE 100 THE WOODLANDS, TX 77380	Â	Â	Â Vice President-Investor Rel.	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Melissa L. Mong as attorney-in-fact for Stephen C.  
Campbell

05/17/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Includes 2,242 shares of common stock acquired by the reporting person pursuant to the Companys Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) Options were granted on February 7, 2008 under the Companys 2000 Omnibus Stock Plan and become exercisable in 20% increments on the first, second, third, fourth and fifth anniversary dates of the grant.
- (3) Restricted Stock Awards were granted on February 4, 2009 under the Companys 2004 Omnibus Stock Plan and vest in 33% increments on the second (already vested), third and fourth anniversary dates of the grant.
- (4) Restricted Stock Units were granted on February 4, 2010 under the Companys 2009 Omnibus Stock Plan and have the potential to vest beginning on April 15, 2013 based on certain performance criteria.

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- (5) Restricted Stock Units were granted on February 4, 2010 under the Companys 2009 Omnibus Stock Plan and vest in 33% increments on the first (already vested), second (already vested) and third anniversary dates of the grant.
- (6) Restricted Stock Units were granted on February 4, 2011 under the Companys 2009 Omnibus Stock Plan and vest in 33% increments on the first (already vested), second and third anniversary dates of the grant.
- (7) Restricted Stock Units were granted on February 11, 2011 under the Companys 2009 Omnibus Stock Plan and have the potential to vest beginning on April 15, 2014 based on certain performance criteria.
- (8) Restricted Stock Units were granted on February 10, 2012 under the Companys 2011 Omnibus Stock Plan and have the potential to vest beginning on April 15, 2015 based on certain performance criteria.
- (9) Restricted Stock Units were granted on February 10, 2012 under the Companys 2011 Omnibus Stock Plan and vest in 25% increments on August 15, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

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