

Metcalf James J  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 Metcalf James J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/ [NFX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Vice President - Drilling

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY E,  
 SUITE 100  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/07/2010

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |   |
| common stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,681   | I  | 401k  |
| common stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 200   | I  | in Tutma  |
| common stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 02/07/2010                           |  | M                              | 1,666 A   | \$ 0 73,930   | D  |   |
| common stock                    | 02/07/2010                           |  | F                              | 441 D   | \$ 49.005 73,489  | D  |   |

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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Unit<br>(2)               | \$ 0   | 02/07/2010                           |  | M                              | 1,666   | 02/07/2010 02/07/2012                                    | common stock  | 1,666                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                           |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                   | Other |
| Metcalf James J<br>363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY E, SUITE 100<br>HOUSTON, TX 77060 |               |           | Vice President - Drilling |       |

## Signatures

/S/ Michelle S. Miller as attorney-in-fact for James J. Metcalf, Jr. 02/09/2010

\_\_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) On February 7, 2010, one-third of the Reporting Person's restricted stock units were settled for an equal number of shares of Newfield common stock.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit is a contingent right to acquire one share of Newfield common stock. On February 7, 2010, one-third of the Reporting Person's restricted stock units were settled for an equal number of shares of Newfield common stock.

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