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FORM 4

Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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ISSUER

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/

CIK: **912750** | IRS No.: **721133047** | State of Incorporation: **DE** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
SIC: **1311** Crude petroleum & natural gas

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REPORTING OWNER

TRICE DAVID A

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) President /Chief Executive Off		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/16/2004			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		
363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY. E., #2020			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					
(Street) HOUSTON, TX 77060								
(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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
common stock	05/16/2004		F		529	D	\$49.47	134,233	D	
common stock	02/10/2004		F		529	D	\$48.81	134,762	D	
common stock								3,360	I	by IRA

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$21.69							(1)	05/30/2007	common stock	100,000	65,000	D	

Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$15.94							(2)	09/01/2008	common stock	50,000		50,000	D	
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$25.38							(3)	05/16/2009	common stock	25,000		25,000	D	
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$29.81							(4)	02/10/2010	common stock	30,000		30,000	D	
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$38.03							(5)	02/09/2002	common stock	20,000		20,000	D	
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$33.73							(6)	02/07/2003	common stock	20,000		20,000	D	
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$35.68							(7)	11/26/2012	common stock	20,000		20,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The options vested in five equal annual installments beginning 5/30/1998.
2. The options vested in three annual installments beginning 09/01/2001.
3. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 5/16/2000.
4. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 02/10/2001.
5. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 02/09/2002
6. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 02/07/2003.
7. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 11/26/2003.

Signatures

 ** Signature of Reporting Person

David A. Trice

05/18/2004

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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