

Packer Gary D  
 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 \*  
 Packer Gary D  
  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
 363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY E,  
 SUITE 100  
  
 (Street)  
 HOUSTON, TX 77060  
  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/10/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP and COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/10/2010		M	15,000	A	\$ 16.25	199,237	D
common stock	12/10/2010		S	15,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$ 71.858	184,237	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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
employee stock option - right to buy	\$ 16.25	12/10/2010		M	15,000	08/14/2003 08/14/2012	common stock 15,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Packer Gary D 363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY E, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77060			EVP and COO	

## Signatures

/S/ John D. Marziotti as attorney-in-fact for Gary D. Packer  
 12/13/2010  
 \*\*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) Includes 510 shares of common stock acquired by the reporting person on June 30, 2010 pursuant to the Newfield Exploration Company Employee Stock Purchase Plan.  
Reflects the sale of an aggregate of 15,000 shares of common stock on December 10, 2010 at the weighted average sale price of \$71.858.
- (2) The prices for these sales range from \$71.743 to \$71.9175. The filer undertakes to provide, upon request by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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