NOBLE ENERGY INC
Form 8-K
February 09, 2012

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 9, 2012

NOBLE ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	**001-07964**	**73-0785597**
(State or other jurisdiction of	**Commission**	**(I.R.S. Employer**
incorporation or organization)	**File Number**	**Identification No.)**

100 Glenborough Drive, Suite 100

Houston, Texas **77067**

(Address of principal executive offices) **(Zip Code)**

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (281) 872-3100

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

¨ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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¨ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

¨ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 9, 2012 Noble Energy, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing results for the fiscal year and fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2011. A copy of the press release issued by the Company is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The Company s press release announcing its financial results for the fiscal year and fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2011 contains non-GAAP financial measures. Generally, a non-GAAP financial measure is a numerical measure of a company s performance, financial position, or cash flows that either excludes or includes amounts that are not normally excluded or included in the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP. Pursuant to the requirements of Regulation G, the Company has provided quantitative reconciliations within the press release of the non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures.

The information in this Form 8-K and Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to liabilities of that Section.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is furnished as part of this report on Form 8-K:

99.1 Press Release dated February 9, 2012 announcing results for the fiscal year and fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2011.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

NOBLE ENERGY, INC.

Date: February 9, 2012

By: /s/ Arnold J. Johnson
Arnold J. Johnson
Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary

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