

PATINA OIL & GAS CORP

Form 425

February 08, 2005

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**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 8, 2005**

**NOBLE ENERGY, INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>Delaware</b>	<b>001-07964</b>	<b>73-0785597</b>
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	Commission File Number	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
<b>100 Glenborough, Suite 100 Houston, Texas</b>		<b>77067</b>
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)

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

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(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:

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



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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On February 8, 2005 Noble Energy, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing the early termination of the waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, applicable to the Company s proposed merger with Patina Oil & Gas Corporation (NYSE: POG). A copy of the press release issued by the Company is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated February 8, 2005.

**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 8, 2005

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

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