

PARMELEE NANCY D  
Form 4  
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# FORM 4

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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 * - PARMELEE NANCY D			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MCMORAN EXPLORATION CO /DE/ [MMR]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)		____ Director      ____ 10% Owner ____ Officer (give title below)      ____ Other (specify below) SVP, CFO & Secretary	
1615 POYDRAS STREET			05/01/2012			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person __ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112						
(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)
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	05/01/2012		F <sup>(2)</sup>	664 D	\$ 8.8 16,961	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)

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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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
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Code V (A) (D)

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

PARMELEE NANCY D  
1615 POYDRAS STREET  
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112

SVP, CFO & Secretary

## Signatures

Kelly C. Simoneaux, on behalf of Nancy D. Parmelee pursuant to a power of attorney

05/02/2012

\*\*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) Amount beneficially owned following the reported transactions includes 1,667 Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.
- (2) Shares withheld to cover taxes due upon vesting of 1,666 Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.

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