

Hickey Michael Harold
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Hickey Michael Harold

(Last) (First) (Middle)
717 TEXAS, SUITE 2800

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77002

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Rosetta Resources Inc. [ROSE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/02/2009

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)
VP & General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount or Price			
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	01/02/2009	01/05/2009	J		2,000 (2)	A	\$ 0 30,319	D
Restricted Stock ⁽¹⁾	01/02/2009	01/05/2009	J		2,000 (2)	D	\$ 0 19,500	D
Restricted Stock ⁽¹⁾	01/02/2009	01/06/2009	A		32,017	A	\$ 0 51,517	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(3)</u>	\$ 7.355	01/02/2009	01/06/2009	A	34,664	01/02/2010 01/01/2019	Common Stock <u>(4)</u>
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16					<u>(5)</u> 08/01/2015	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.775					02/01/2009 02/01/2018	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(3)</u>	\$ 18.23					<u>(6)</u> 02/24/2016	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.51					01/02/2008 01/03/2017	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hickey Michael Harold 717 TEXAS, SUITE 2800 HOUSTON, TX 77002			VP & General Counsel	

Signatures

Michael H.
Hickey 01/08/2009

**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) Restrictions to be lifted as to 25 percent on first anniversary date of grant, 25 percent on the second anniversary date of grant, and 50 percent on the third anniversary date of grant.
- (2) Changes required to reflect formerly restricted stock that has vested, and is now listed as "common stock".
- (3) Options vest 25% on first anniversary date of grant, 25% on second anniversary date of grant and 50% on third anniversary date of grant.
- (4) Common Stock
- (5) The options vests 25% at date of grant and 25% at each subsequent anniversary date.
- (6) Options vest 25% at first anniversary date of grant, 25% on second anniversary date of grant and 50% on third anniversary date of grant. Upon vesting, options can then be exercised.

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