

Rosetta Resources Inc.
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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)
08/01/2008

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 08/01/2008 | 08/04/2008 | J ⁽²⁾ | 10,294 D | \$ 0 13,319 | D | |
| Restricted Stock ⁽³⁾ | 08/01/2008 | 08/04/2008 | F ⁽⁴⁾ | 794 D | \$ 22.68 11,206 | D | |
| Restricted Stock ⁽³⁾ | 08/01/2008 | 08/04/2008 | J ⁽²⁾ | 10,294 A | \$ 0 21,500 | 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 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 16 | | | | | <u>(5)</u> | 08/01/2015 | Common Stock | 26,250 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 17.775 | | | | | 02/01/2009 | 02/01/2018 | Common Stock | 18,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(6)</u> | \$ 18.23 | | | | | <u>(7)</u> | 02/24/2016 | Common Stock | 8,750 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 18.51 | | | | | 01/02/2008 | 01/03/2017 | Common Stock | 20,000 |

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 08/06/2008

**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) Common Stock
- (2) Changes required to reflect formerly restricted stock that has vested, and is now listed as "common stock".
- (3) 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.
- (4) Disposition of shares for tax withholding
- (5) The options vests 25% at date of grant and 25% at each subsequent anniversary date.
- (6) Options vest 25% on first anniversary date of grant, 25% on second anniversary date of grant and 50% on third anniversary date of grant.
- (7) 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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