

Hickey Michael Harold
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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 *
 Hickey Michael Harold

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/01/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP & General Counsel

HOUSTON, TX 77002
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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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 (D) Price | | | |
| Restricted Stock | 02/01/2008 | 02/01/2008 | A | 12,000 A \$ 0 | 12,000 | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | 24,158 | 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 | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 17.775 | 02/01/2008 | 02/01/2008 | A | 18,000 | 02/01/2009 | 02/01/2018 | Common Stock | 18,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 16 | | | | | (2) | 08/01/2015 | Common Stock | 26,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (3) | \$ 18.23 | | | | | (4) | 02/24/2016 | Common Stock | 8,000 |
| 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

02/04/2008

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) 12,000 shares vested 100% on 2/13/06 and 6,000 shares vest 25%,25% and 50% on the three successive anniversary dates of the grant.

(2) The options vests 25% at date of grant and 25% at each subsequent anniversary date.

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- (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) 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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