

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)  
 12/06/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Vice Pres. & Gen'l 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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/06/2010	12/06/2010	M		26,250	A	\$ 16
Common Stock	12/06/2010	12/06/2010	M		8,750	A	\$ 18.23
Common Stock	12/06/2010	12/06/2010	M		19,500	A	\$ 18.51
Common Stock	12/06/2010	12/06/2010	S		54,500	D	\$ 38.05

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)
Non-qualified Stock Option	\$ 16	12/06/2010	12/06/2010	M	26,250	02/13/2005 <sup>(2)</sup> 08/01/2015	Common Stock
Non-qualified Stock Option	\$ 18.23	12/06/2010	12/06/2010	M	8,750	02/24/2007 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/24/2016	Common Stock
Non-qualified Stock Option	\$ 18.51	12/06/2010	12/06/2010	M	19,500	01/02/2008 <sup>(3)</sup> 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			Vice Pres. & Gen'l Counsel	

## Signatures

/s/ Michael Harold  
Hickey

12/07/2010

\*\*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) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$38.05 to \$38.06. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

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- (2) Options vested 25% at date of grant and 25% at each subsequent anniversary date.
- (3) Options vested 25% on the first anniversary date of grant, 25% on second anniversary date of grant and 50% on third anniversary date of grant.

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