Hickey Michael Harold Form 4 February 21, 2012

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A Hickey Mick	ddress of Report hael Harold	ing Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Rosetta Resources Inc. [ROSE]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(T ()	(F' t)	O.C. 1.11.		(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
717 TEXAS, SUITE 2800			02/16/2012	X Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
				Vice Pres. & Gen'l Counsel			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)			
			·	_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
HOUSTON, TX 77002				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I Now Design County of the Asset				

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	Derivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securition(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	of (D)	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	02/16/2012		Code V A	Amount 16,008	(D)	Price \$ 0	60,738	D	
Common Stock	02/16/2012		F	5,834 (1)	D	\$ 50.89	54,904	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumbe		Expiration Date		Amoun	t of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underly	ying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securit	ies	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr. 3	3 and 4)		Own
	Security				Acquired						Follo
	•				(A) or						Repo
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									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		Or Number		
						Exercisable	Date		Number		
				C + V	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

## **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/ Karen Paganis for Michael Harold Hickey

02/21/2012

\*\*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) Shares withheld for tax liability upon receipt of Common Stock.

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