

Neese Jay B  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Neese Jay B

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1050 17TH STREET, SUITE 500  
(Street)

DENVER, CO 80265

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
QEP RESOURCES, INC. [QEP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/13/2012

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)  
Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/13/2012		A		19,418	A	\$ 30.9
Common Stock	02/13/2012		F		1,103 (1)	D	\$ 30.9
Common Stock						I	29,632.4369 (2)
							Employee Investment Plan

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
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0	02/13/2012		A	19,418	(3)	(3)	Phantom Stock Units	19,418
Stock Option	\$ 30.9	02/13/2012		A	39,188	(4)	02/13/2019	Common Stock	39,188
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0					(5)	(5)	Phantom Stock Units	19,810.9
Stock Option	\$ 39.07					(6)	02/25/2018	Common Stock	27,610
Stock Option	\$ 9.19					08/11/2003	02/11/2013	Common Stock	17,910
Stock Option	\$ 23.98					(7)	03/05/2016	Common Stock	80,000
Stock Option	\$ 27.55					(8)	03/05/2017	Common Stock	30,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Neese Jay B 1050 17TH STREET, SUITE 500 DENVER, CO 80265			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

Abigail L. Jones, Attorney  
in Fact 02/15/2012

\*\*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) I received a distribution of formerly restricted shares of stock and made an advance election to satisfy my tax payment obligations by withholding shares.
- (2) As of February 13, 2012, I have 29,632.4369 equivalent shares of stock in QEP's Employee Investment Plan. The number of equivalent shares will fluctuate as QEP's stock price changes; this fluctuation does not reflect any transactions that should be reported.
- (3) These phantom stock units are associated with QEP's Long Term Cash Incentive Plan.
- (4) The option vests in three annual installments beginning on March 5, 2013, subject to accelerated vesting upon the occurrence of certain events as set forth in the award agreement.  
  
Phantom stock units will be payable in cash on the date of, or at a designated anniversary date following, the first to occur of the reporting person's (i) separation from service from QEP(subject to 6-month delay if necessary to comply with IRC 409A), (ii) death or (iii) disability, pursuant to the QEP Resources, Inc. Deferred Compensation Wrap Plan. This total includes shares attributable to the 401(k) supplemental program of the Deferred Compensation Wrap Plan. Consequently, share totals may change without any visible activity.
- (5) The option vests in three annual installments beginning on March 5, 2012, subject to accelerated vesting upon the occurrence of certain events as set forth in the award agreement.
- (6) The option vests in three annual installments which began on March 5, 2010, subject to accelerated vesting upon the occurrence of certain events as set forth in the award agreement.
- (7) The option vests in three annual installments which began on March 5, 2011, subject to accelerated vesting upon the occurrence of certain events as set forth in the award agreement.
- (8) The option vests in three annual installments which began on March 5, 2011, subject to accelerated vesting upon the occurrence of certain events as set forth in the award agreement.

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