

Hickey Michael Harold
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FORM 4

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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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 08/24/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

VP & General Counsel

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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HOUSTON, TX 77002

(City) (State) (Zip)

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	08/24/2006	08/24/2006	P	500	\$ 17.55	17,068	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)

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16					(1)	08/01/2015	Common Stock	26,250
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(2)</u>	\$ 18.23					(3)	02/24/2016	Common Stock	8,750

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

08/24/2006

 **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) The options vests 25% at date of grant and 25% at each subsequent anniversary date.
- (2) Options vest 25% on first anniversary date of grant, 25% on second anniversary date of grant and 50% on third anniversary date of grant.
- (3) 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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