

FRYE KIMBERLY R  
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 \*  
FRYE KIMBERLY R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
KEY ENERGY SERVICES INC  
[KEG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1301 MCKINNEY STREET, SUITE 1800

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/22/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SVP, GC and Secretary

(Street)  
HOUSTON, TX 77010

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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)		
				Code	V	Amount				(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/22/2010		M			2,500	A	\$ 13.11	173,850 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	12/22/2010		D			2,500	D	\$ 13.11	171,350 <sup>(2)</sup>	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 (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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	(1)	12/22/2010		M	2,500	(3) 12/22/2010	Common Stock	2,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FRYE KIMBERLY R 1301 MCKINNEY STREET SUITE 1800 HOUSTON, TX 77010			SVP, GC and Secretary	

## Signatures

By Joshua K. Hancock, Attorney-in fact for Kimberly R. Frye  
12/27/2010

\_\_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) Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Key Energy Services, Inc.'s common stock, which, pursuant to the plan under which it was granted, is required to be settled in cash based on the closing price on the date each share vests.
- (2) Includes 160,712 unvested shares of restricted stock granted under the Key Energy Services, Inc. 2007 Equity and Cash Incentive Plan and the Key Energy Services, Inc. 2009 Equity and Cash Incentive Plan.
- (3) The phantom share award granted on December 22, 2006 vests in four equal annual installments on the anniversary of the grant date. The vested phantom shares are payable solely in cash within 20 business days after the vesting date. The original grant was for 10,000 phantom shares, of which 2,500 shares vested on December 22, 2007, 2,500 shares vested on December 22, 2008, 2,500 shares vested on December 22, 2009 and 2,500 shares vested on December 22, 2010.

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