## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  THOMPSON MATTHEW T |                                                                       |                                            |                                            |        | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol QEP RESOURCES, INC. [ QEP ] |                                                             |                                                   |                             |                                                                |                                                                |                                                                                     |                          | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner |                                    |                                                                                |          |                                                                   |                                         |  |
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| (Last) (First) (Middle) 1050 17TH STREET SUITE 800           |                                                                       |                                            |                                            |        | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/07/2017                    |                                                             |                                                   |                             |                                                                |                                                                |                                                                                     |                          | X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  VP, Energy                                     |                                    |                                                                                |          |                                                                   |                                         |  |
| (Street)  DENVE                                              | R (                                                                   | CO                                         | 80265                                      |        | 4. If A                                                                        | mendmer                                                     | nendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |                             |                                                                |                                                                |                                                                                     |                          | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |                                    |                                                                                |          |                                                                   |                                         |  |
| (City)                                                       | (:                                                                    | State)                                     | (Zip)                                      |        |                                                                                |                                                             |                                                   |                             |                                                                |                                                                |                                                                                     |                          | l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l                                                       |                                    |                                                                                |          |                                                                   |                                         |  |
|                                                              |                                                                       |                                            | Table I - Nor                              | -Deriv | ative                                                                          | Securi                                                      | ities Ac                                          | quired,                     | Disp                                                           | osed o                                                         | f, or Bei                                                                           | neficia                  | ally C                                                                                      | wned                               |                                                                                |          |                                                                   |                                         |  |
|                                                              |                                                                       |                                            | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |        | Execur) if any                                                                 | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                                                   | Transaction<br>Code (Instr. |                                                                | 4. Securities Acquired (A) o<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a |                                                                                     | nd 5)                    | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially (<br>Following Re                                | Owned ported                       | Form: Direct                                                                   |          | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership               |                                         |  |
|                                                              |                                                                       |                                            |                                            |        |                                                                                |                                                             |                                                   |                             | v                                                              | Amount                                                         | ount (A) or (D)                                                                     |                          | e                                                                                           | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                                                                |          | nstr. 4)                                                          |                                         |  |
| Common                                                       | Stock                                                                 |                                            |                                            |        |                                                                                |                                                             |                                                   |                             |                                                                |                                                                |                                                                                     |                          |                                                                                             | 54,557                             |                                                                                | D        |                                                                   |                                         |  |
| Common                                                       | Stock                                                                 |                                            |                                            |        |                                                                                |                                                             |                                                   |                             |                                                                |                                                                |                                                                                     |                          |                                                                                             | 2,212.307                          |                                                                                | ]        | [ ]                                                               | Employee<br>nvestment<br>Plan           |  |
|                                                              |                                                                       |                                            | Table II - I                               |        |                                                                                |                                                             |                                                   | uired, D<br>, option        |                                                                |                                                                |                                                                                     |                          |                                                                                             | ned                                |                                                                                |          |                                                                   | <u> </u>                                |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)          | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | ate Execution Date,                        |        | Transaction Code (Instr. 8)                                                    |                                                             | n Derivative E                                    |                             | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                                                                | 7. Title and Amoun<br>Securities Underly<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                          | ying Derivative                                                                             |                                    | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following |          | 10.<br>Ownersh<br>Form:<br>Direct (D<br>or Indirec<br>(I) (Instr. | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>t (Instr. 4) |  |
|                                                              |                                                                       |                                            |                                            | Code   | v                                                                              | (A)                                                         | (D)                                               | Date<br>Exercisab           | le E                                                           | xpiration<br>ate                                               | Title                                                                               | Amour<br>Numbe<br>Shares | er of                                                                                       |                                    | Reporte<br>Transa<br>(Instr. 4                                                 | ction(s) |                                                                   |                                         |  |
| Phantom<br>Stock<br>Units                                    | \$0.00                                                                | 02/07/2017                                 |                                            | A      |                                                                                | 1,861 <sup>(1)</sup>                                        |                                                   | (2)                         |                                                                | (2)                                                            | Phantom<br>Stock<br>Units                                                           | 1,8                      | 361                                                                                         | \$0.00                             | 32,                                                                            | 209      | D                                                                 |                                         |  |
| Phantom<br>Stock<br>Units                                    | \$0.00                                                                | 02/07/2017                                 |                                            | М      |                                                                                |                                                             | 7,028 <sup>(3)</sup>                              | (2)                         |                                                                | (2)                                                            | Phantom<br>Stock<br>Units                                                           | 7,0                      | )28                                                                                         | \$0.00                             | 25,                                                                            | ,181 D   |                                                                   |                                         |  |
| Phantom<br>Stock<br>Units                                    | \$0.00                                                                |                                            |                                            |        |                                                                                |                                                             |                                                   | (4)                         |                                                                | (4)                                                            | Phantom<br>Stock<br>Units                                                           | 1,577                    | '.2747                                                                                      |                                    | 1,577                                                                          | 7.2747 D |                                                                   |                                         |  |
| Stock<br>Option                                              | \$27.98                                                               |                                            |                                            |        |                                                                                |                                                             |                                                   | 09/05/201                   | .6 0                                                           | 9/03/2020                                                      | Common<br>Stock                                                                     | 3,1                      | 181                                                                                         |                                    | 3,1                                                                            | 181      | D                                                                 |                                         |  |
| Stock<br>Option                                              | \$31.74                                                               |                                            |                                            |        |                                                                                |                                                             |                                                   | (5)                         | 0                                                              | 2/13/2021                                                      | Common<br>Stock                                                                     | 7,4                      | 148                                                                                         |                                    | 7,4                                                                            | 148      | D                                                                 |                                         |  |
| Stock<br>Option                                              | \$21.69                                                               |                                            |                                            |        |                                                                                |                                                             |                                                   | (6)                         | 0                                                              | 2/12/2022                                                      | Common<br>Stock                                                                     | 15,                      | 420                                                                                         |                                    | 15,                                                                            | 420      | D                                                                 |                                         |  |
| Stock                                                        | \$10.12                                                               |                                            |                                            |        |                                                                                |                                                             |                                                   | (7)                         |                                                                | 2/16/2023                                                      | Common                                                                              | 16                       | 448                                                                                         |                                    | 16                                                                             | 448      | D                                                                 |                                         |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Represents the above-target earned portion of the phantom stock unit. In 2014, QEP granted 5,167 phantom stock units, which amount was equal to the cash amount to be received if target performance was achieved. Payout was made at 136 percent of target.
- 2. These phantom units are associated with QEP's Cash Incentive Plan.
- 3. In accordance with QEP's Cash Incentive Plan, the total represents PSUs on which payout was made in cash at 136 percent of target, including target PSUs granted in 2014 and above-target PSUs earned based on performance.
- 4. 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) distribution election date which is not earlier than two years from the plan year (ii) separation from service from QEP (subject to 6-month delay if necessary to comply with IRC 409A), (iii) death or (iv) 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, 2015, 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 beginning on March 5, 2016, 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 beginning on March 5, 2017, subject to accelerated vesting upon the occurrence of certain events as set forth in the award agreement.

## Remarks:

Option

/s/Dane E. Allen, Attorney in

02/08/2017

**Fact** 

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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