

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Richards Perry H</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 1050 17TH STREET, SUITE 500  (Street) DENVER CO 80265  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>QEP RESOURCES, INC. [ QEP ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Sr VP, QEP Field Services</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/07/2012</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

**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							35,719	D		
Common Stock							5,535.388 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Employee Investment Plan	

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Phantom Stock Units	\$0.00	03/07/2012		A		23.9025		(2)	(2)	Phantom Stock Units	23.9025	\$32.01	4,478.6142	D	
Phantom Stock Units	\$0.00							(3)	(3)	Phantom Stock Units	11,251		11,251	D	
Stock Option	\$39.07							(4)	02/25/2018	Common Stock	9,371		9,371	D	
Stock Option	\$30.9							(5)	02/13/2019	Common Stock	13,063		13,063	D	
Stock Option	\$9.19								08/11/2003 02/11/2013	Common Stock	0		3,000	D	
Stock Option	\$23.98							(6)	03/05/2016	Common Stock	0		25,000	D	
Stock Option	\$27.55							(7)	03/05/2017	Common Stock	0		15,000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- As of March 7, 2012, I have 5,535.3880 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.
- 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.
- These phantom stock units are associated with QEP's Long Term Cash Incentive Plan.
- The option vests in three annual installments which began on March 5, 2012, subject to accelerated vesting upon the occurrence of certain events as set forth in the award agreement.
- 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.
- This option is fully vested.
- 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.

**Remarks:**

Abigail L. Jones, Attorney in Fact 03/09/2012

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* 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).

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