## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Richards Perry H</u>						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					
(Last) 1050 17	(First) (Middle) 7TH STREET, SUITE 500					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/07/2012								X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  Sr VP, QEP Field Services					
(Street) DENVER CO 80265 (City) (State) (Zip)					4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
		Та	ble I - No	n-Der	ivati	ve S	ecurities	s Ac	quired.	Dis	sposed o	of, or Be	neficially	y Owned					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)					saction	n 'ear)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Transaction Dispo		4. Securiti	ies Acquired Of (D) (Insti	d (A) or	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		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	Transaction (Instr. 3 and	n(s) d 4)			(IIIsu. 4)	
Common Stock														35,018		]	D		
Common Stock													5,547.2417(1)		I I		Employee Investment Plan		
			Table II -								osed of converti			Owned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security  3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Ye		3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative		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)  8. Num derivat Security Security Owned Follow Report		ive Owners fies Form: cially Direct (I or Indirecting (I) (Instreed)		Beneficial Ownership ect (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisal		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	]	Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)				
Phantom Stock Units	\$0.00	09/07/2012			A		27.7461		(2)		(2)	Phantom Stock Units	27.7461	\$29.62	4,895.6474		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)	$\top$	02/13/2019	Common Stock	13,063		13,063		D		
Stock Option	\$9.19								08/11/20	03	02/11/2013	Common Stock	0		3,000		D		
Stock Option	\$23.98								03/05/20	12	03/05/2016	Common Stock	0		25,000		D		
Stock	\$27.55								(6)		03/05/2017	Common	0		15,000		D		

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. As of September 7, 2012, I have 5,547,2417 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. These phantom stock units are associated with QEP's Long Term Cash Incentive Plan.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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** 

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

09/11/2012

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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