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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Instruction 1(b) or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person' (Check all applicable) **<u>QEP RESOURCES, INC.</u>** [ QEP ] Neese Jay B Directo 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify Х below) below) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Dav/Year) (Last) (First) (Middle) 08/07/2012 **Executive Vice President** 1050 17TH STREET, SUITE 500 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) (Street) DENVER CO 80265 X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting (Citv) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 2. Transaction 2A. Deemed 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) Date Execution Date Transaction Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially Owned Following (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Beneficial Ownership (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Year) Code (Instr. 8) 5) Reported (Instr. 4) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) (A) or (D) Code v Amoun Price Common Stock 126,808 D Employee 30,652.4525(1) Common Stock I Investment Plan Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) 8. Price of Derivative Security 1. Title of 3. Transaction 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount 9. Number of 11. Nature 10. Ownership Form: Derivative Execution Date, Transaction Code (Instr. Conversion Derivative Expiration Date of Securities Underlying derivative of Indirect Date (Month/Dav/Year) or Exercise Securities (Month/Dav/Year) Securities Beneficial Price of Derivative Acquired (A) or Disposed (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year) 8) Derivative Sec (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 5) Beneficially Direct (D) Ownership (Instr. 4) Security or Indirect Owned Security of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Following (I) (Instr. 4) Reported Transaction(s) Amount (Instr. 4) Number Date Expiration Code v (A) (D) Exercisable Date Title of Shares Phantom Phantom \$0.00 08/07/2012 30.1435 (2) 30.1435 \$28.24 20,941.3001 D Stock А Stock Units Units Phantom Phantom \$0.00 (3) (3) 33.496 33,496 D Stock Stock Units Units Stock Commo (4) \$39.07 02/25/2018 27,611 27.611 D Option Stock Stock Common \$30.9 (5) 02/13/2019 39.188 39 188 D Option Stock Stock Common \$9.19 08/11/2003 02/11/2013 17,910 17,910 D Option Stock Stock Commor \$23.98 03/05/2012 03/05/2016 80.000 80,000 D Option Stock Stock Common \$27.55 (6) 03/05/2017 30,000 30,000 D Option Stock

## Explanation of Responses:

1. As of August 7, 2012, I have 30,652.4525 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.

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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 Date

08/08/2012

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).

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