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SCHEDULE 13D/A

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Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 3)

QEP Resources, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

74733V100

(CUSIP Number)

Marc Weingarten, Esq. Eleazer Klein, Esq. 919 Third Avenue New York, New York 10022 (212) 756-2000

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

February 23, 2014

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Schedule)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(e), 13d-1(f) or 13d-1(g), check the following box. []

NOTE: Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See Rule 13d-7 for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

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The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON JANA PARTNERS LLC		
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NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER 16,875,653	
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13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) (see Item 5) 9.4%		
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON IA		

This Amendment No. 3 ("Amendment No. 3") amends and supplements the statement on Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on October 21, 2013 (the "Original Schedule 13D"), Amendment No. 1 filed on November 13, 2013 ("Amendment No. 1"), and Amendment No. 2 filed on January 13, 2014 ("Amendment No. 2" and together with the Original Schedule 13D, Amendment No. 1 and this Amendment No. 3, the "Schedule 13D") with respect to the shares ("Shares") of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of QEP Resources, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer"). Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined in this Amendment No. 3 have the meanings set forth in the Schedule 13D. This Amendment No. 3 amends Items 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 as set forth below.

Item 3. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION.

Item 3 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and restated as follows:

The 16,875,653 Shares reported herein by the Reporting Person were acquired at an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$495.1 million. Such Shares were acquired with investment funds in accounts managed by the Reporting Person and margin borrowings described in the following sentence. Such Shares are held by the investment funds managed by the Reporting Person in commingled margin accounts, which may extend margin credit to the Reporting Person from time to time, subject to applicable federal margin regulations, stock exchange rules and credit policies. In such instances, the positions held in the margin account are pledged as collateral security for the repayment of debit balances in the account. The margin accounts bear interest at a rate based upon the broker's call rate from time to time in effect. Because other securities are held in the margin accounts, it is not possible to determine the amounts, if any, of margin used to purchase the Shares reported herein.

Item 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION.

Item 4 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented by the addition of the following:

On February 23, 2014, the Reporting Person entered into an agreement with the Issuer (the "Cooperation Agreement"). Under the terms of the Cooperation Agreement, the Issuer (i) appointed William L. Thacker, III ("Mr. Thacker") to the Issuer's board of Directors (the "Board") as a Class III director (whose terms expire in 2016) to serve, subject to the terms of the Cooperation Agreement, until the consummation of a transaction effecting a separation of the Issuer's midstream business through a previously announced spin-off, or through a sale or other transaction (the "Separation"); (ii) will appoint Mr. Thacker to any committee of the Board designated to review or oversee the Separation; and (iii) will include Mr. Thacker in the deliberations of the Board regarding all significant matters in connection with the Separation, including the use of proceeds (if any) from the Separation, and use its reasonable best efforts to include Mr. Thacker in any material deliberations of any other committee of the Board with respect to the Separation.

During the Cooperation Period (as defined therein), the Reporting Person agreed (i) to vote in favor of the current members of the Board that will be up for election at the 2014 annual meeting of shareholders of the Issuer (the "Annual Meeting"); (ii) not to submit any proposal for consideration at, or bring any other business before, the Annual Meeting or initiate, encourage or participate in any "withhold" or similar campaign with respect to the election of directors at the Annual Meeting; and (iii) not to publicly or privately support or encourage any other stockholder to take any such actions. In addition, the Reporting Person agreed that, while Mr. Thacker remains a director, if the Reporting Person provides notice to the Issuer of its intention to nominate a director for election at the Issuer's 2015 annual meeting of shareholders, the Reporting Person will not seek to replace at least one of the Issuer's Class II directors then standing for election.

Under the Cooperation Agreement, the Reporting Person and the Issuer each agreed to customary non-disparagement provisions.

On February 24, 2013, the Reporting Person and the Issuer issued a joint press release announcing the Cooperation Agreement and its material terms (the "Press Release").

The foregoing summaries of the Cooperation Agreement and the Press Release are qualified in their entirety by reference to the full texts of the Cooperation Agreement and the Press Release, copies of which are attached as <u>Exhibit D</u> and <u>Exhibit E</u>, respectively, to this Amendment No. 3 and are incorporated by reference herein.

Item 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY.

Items 5(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule 13D are hereby amended and restated in their entirety as follows:

(a) The aggregate percentage of Shares reported to be beneficially owned by the Reporting Person is based upon 179,281,102 Shares outstanding, which is the total number of Shares outstanding as of September 30, 2013, as reported in the Issuer's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on November 5, 2013.

At the close of business on February 21, 2014, the Reporting Person may be deemed to beneficially own 16,875,653 Shares, constituting approximately 9.4% of the Shares outstanding.

- (b) The Reporting Person has sole voting and dispositive powers over 16,875,653 Shares, which powers are exercised by the Principal.
- (c) Information concerning transactions in the Shares effected by the Reporting Person since Amendment No. 2 is set forth in <u>Exhibit A</u> hereto and is incorporated herein by reference. All of the transactions in Shares listed in <u>Exhibit A</u> hereto were effected in open market purchases through various brokerage entities.

Item 6. CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, UNDERSTANDINGS OR RELATIONSHIPS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER.

Item 6 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented by the addition of the following:

On February 23, 2014, the Issuer and the Reporting Person entered into the Cooperation Agreement, the terms of which are described in Item 4 of this Amendment No. 3. A copy of such agreement is attached as Exhibit D to this Schedule 13D and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 7. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS.

Item 7 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented by the addition of the following:

Exhibit A: Transactions in the Shares effected Since Amendment No. 2.

Exhibit D: Cooperation Agreement, dated February 23, 2014.

Exhibit E: Press Release, issued February 24, 2014.

SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 24, 2014

JANA PARTNERS LLC

By: /s/ Jennifer Fanjiang

Name: Jennifer Fanjiang
Title: General Counsel

Transactions in the Shares effected since Amendment No. 2

The following table sets forth all transactions in the Shares effected since Amendment No. 2 by the Reporting Person. All such transactions were effected in the open market through brokers and the price per share is net of commissions.

Trade Date	Shared Purchased (Sold)	Price Per Share (\$)
1/22/2014	(34,614)	31.02
2/5/2014	(25,000)	29.95
2/5/2014	(50,590)	29.96

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

This Agreement dated February 23, 2014 is by and between JANA Partners LLC ("<u>JANA</u>") and QEP Resources, Inc. (the "<u>Company</u>"). In consideration of and reliance upon the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

- Section 1. Representations and Warranties of the Company. The Company represents and warrants to JANA that this Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company, and is a valid and binding obligation of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms.
- Section 2. <u>Representations and Warranties of JANA</u>. JANA represents and warrants to the Company that this Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by JANA, and is a valid and binding obligation of JANA, enforceable against JANA in accordance with its terms. As of the date of this Agreement, JANA is deemed to beneficially own 16,875,653 shares of the Company's common stock and has voting authority over such shares.
- Section 3. <u>Board Nomination and Other Company Matters</u>. (a) In accordance with the Company's By-Laws and Delaware law, the Company has concurrently with execution of this Agreement appointed William L. Thacker, III (the "<u>Designee</u>") to the Company's board of directors (the "<u>board of directors</u>") as a Class III director whose terms expire in 2016 to serve, subject to Section 8(b), until the consummation of a transaction effecting a separation of the Company's midstream business through the previously announced spin-off, or through a sale or other transaction (the "<u>Separation</u>"). The Designee has agreed to comply with all policies, code of conduct and governance guidelines applicable to all of the Company's directors and has completed and executed the Director's & Officer's Questionnaire, the representation agreement and the resignation letter that has been provided to the Designee (the "<u>Designee Materials</u>").
- (b) If at any time prior to the Separation and during the Designee's term, the Designee is or becomes unable or unwilling to continue serving as a director of the Company, promptly following the Designee's resignation JANA shall be entitled to designate a replacement director who is unaffiliated with JANA and its Affiliates, qualifies as "independent" under the applicable rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the rules of the New York Stock Exchange and under the Company's corporate governance guidelines, and is reasonably acceptable to the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee of the Board as a replacement director, and thereafter and following completion and execution of the Designee Materials that are reasonably acceptable to the Corporate Governance and Nomination Committee of the Board, such individual shall be deemed the Designee for purposes of this Agreement and be entitled to the same rights and subject to the same term and requirements under this Agreement applicable to the prior Designee.
- (c) The Company shall appoint the Designee to any committee of the Board currently or in the future designated to review or oversee the Separation, use its reasonable best efforts to include the Designee in any

material deliberations of any other committee of the Board with respect to the Separation, and include the Designee in the deliberations of the Board regarding all significant matters in connection with the Separation including (in each case, if applicable) the board and senior management of any spun-off entity, material contracts entered into by any spun-off entity as part of the Separation, and the use of proceeds, if any, from the Separation.

- (d) If requested by the Designee, the Company shall consider, at its discretion, appointing the Designee to the board of directors of any spun-off entity in the midstream industry that results from the Separation, provided that the Designee agrees to comply with all policies, codes of conduct and governance guidelines applicable to all of the spun-off entity's directors and to provide any reasonably requested information and complete and execute all reasonable documentation that has been provided to the Designee and such other customary information as may be reasonably and promptly requested by such spun-off entity with respect to board nominees.
- (e) To the extent that JANA provides notice to the Company of its intention to nominate a director for election at the Company's 2015 annual meeting of shareholders under the Company's By-Laws while the Designee remains a director, JANA shall not seek to replace at least one of the Company's Class II directors then standing for election.
- Section 4. <u>Cooperation</u>. (a) JANA agrees that, from the date of this Agreement until the earliest of (i) the date that is thirty (30) calendar days prior to any applicable deadline by which a shareholder must give notice to the Company of its intention to nominate a director for election at or bring other business before the Company's 2015 annual meeting of shareholders under the Company's By-Laws and (ii) any material breach of this Agreement by the Company (provided that the Company shall have three (3) business days following written notice from JANA of material breach to remedy such material breach if capable of remedy) (such period, the "<u>Cooperation Period</u>"), neither it nor any of its Affiliates or Associates will in any manner, directly or indirectly, make, or cause to be made, or in any way encourage any other person to make or cause to be made, any statement or announcement that relates to and constitutes an ad hominem attack on, or relates to and otherwise disparages, the Company, any of its officers or directors or any person who has served as an officer or director of the Company, including: (i) in any document or report filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "<u>SEC</u>") or any other governmental agency, (ii) in any press release or other publicly available format, or (iii) to any journalist or member of the media (including without limitation, in a television, radio, newspaper or magazine interview), or otherwise; <u>provided</u>, that JANA will be permitted to make objective statements that solely reflect JANA's view, as a shareholder, with respect to material developments regarding or announcements made by the Company following the date of this Agreement with respect to the manner and terms of the Separation and use of proceeds from the Separation or other material developments regarding the Company so long as such objective statements are limited to such matters.
- (b) The Company agrees that, from the date of this Agreement until the earliest of (i) the date that is thirty (30) calendar days prior to any applicable deadline by which a shareholder must give notice to the Company of its intention to nominate a director for election at or bring other business before the Company's 2015 annual meeting of shareholders under the Company's By-Laws and (ii) any material breach of this Agreement by JANA (provided that JANA shall have three (3) business days following written notice from

the Company of material breach to remedy such material breach if capable of remedy), neither it nor any of its Affiliates or Associates will in any manner, directly or indirectly make, or cause to be made, or in any way encourage any other person to make or cause to be made, any statement or announcement that relates to and constitutes an ad hominem attack on, or relates to and otherwise disparages, JANA, any of its members, officers or directors or any person who has served as a member, officer or director of JANA, including: (i) in any document or report filed with or furnished to the SEC or any other governmental agency, (ii) in any press release or other publicly available format, or (iii) to any journalist or member of the media (including without limitation, in a television, radio, newspaper or magazine interview), or otherwise.

- (c) The limitations set forth in Sections 4(a) and 4(b) shall not prevent either party from responding to any public statement made by the other party of the nature described in Sections 4(a) and 4(b) if such statement by the other party was made in breach of this Agreement.
- (d) During the Cooperation Period, JANA shall cause all shares of the Company's capital stock ("Shares") beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, by it, or by any of its Affiliates or Associates (including without limitation all Shares beneficially owned as of the respective record dates for the 2014 annual meeting of shareholders and as of the record dates for any special meeting of shareholders) over which it exercises or has voting authority, to be present for quorum purposes and to be voted, at such meetings or at any adjournments or postponements thereof, in favor of the current members of the Board (including the Designee) that will be up for election at such meetings, and not to submit any proposal for consideration at, or bring any other business before, the 2014 annual meeting or initiate, encourage or participate in any "withhold" or similar campaign with respect to the election of directors at the 2014 annual meeting and shall not permit any of its Affiliates or Associates to do any of the foregoing or publicly or privately encourage or support any other stockholder to take any such actions.
- Section 5. <u>Public Announcement and SEC Filing</u>. (a) JANA and the Company shall announce this Agreement and the material terms hereof by means of a joint press release in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u> (the "<u>Press Release</u>") as soon as practicable but in no event later than 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on February 24, 2014.
- (b) JANA shall promptly prepare and file an amendment (the "13D Amendment") to its Schedule 13D with respect to the Company filed with the SEC on October 21, 2013, as most recently subsequently amended on January 13, 2014, reporting the entry into this Agreement and amending applicable items to conform to its obligations hereunder. The 13D Amendment shall be consistent with the Press Release and the terms of this Agreement. JANA shall provide the Company with reasonable opportunity to review and comment upon the 13D Amendment prior to filing, and shall consider in good faith any changes proposed by the Company necessary to cause such 13D Amendment to comply with this Agreement.

Section 6. <u>Definitions</u>. For purposes of this Agreement:

(a) the terms "<u>Affiliate</u>" and "<u>Associate</u>" shall have the respective meanings set forth in Rule 12b-2 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act");

- (b) the terms "beneficial owner" and "beneficially own" shall have the same meanings as set forth in Rule 13d-3 promulgated by the SEC under the Exchange Act except that a person shall also be deemed to be the beneficial owner of all Shares which such person has the right to acquire (whether such right is exercisable immediately or only after the passage of time) pursuant to the exercise of any rights in connection with any securities or any agreement, arrangement or understanding (whether or not in writing), regardless of when such rights may be exercised and whether they are conditional, and all Shares which such person or any of such person's Affiliates or Associates has or shares the right to vote or dispose; and
- (c) the terms "person" or "persons" shall mean any individual, corporation (including not-for-profit), general or limited partnership, limited liability or unlimited liability company, joint venture, estate, trust, association, organization or other entity of any kind or nature.
- Section 7. <u>Notices</u>. All notices, consents, requests, instructions, approvals and other communications provided for herein and all legal process in regard hereto shall be in writing and shall be deemed validly given, made or served, if (a) given by telecopy and email, when such telecopy is transmitted to the telecopy number set forth below and sent to the email address set forth below and the appropriate confirmation is received or (b) if given by any other means, when actually received during normal business hours at the address specified in this Section:

if to the Company: QEP Resources, Inc.

1050 17th Street, Suite 500 Denver, Colorado 80265 Attention: General Counsel Facsimile: (303) 295-2190

Email:chris.woosley@qepres.com

with a copy to: Latham & Watkins LLP

233 South Wacker Drive

Suite 5800

Chicago, IL 60606-6401 Attention: Mark D. Gerstein Facsimile: (312) 993-9767 Email:mark.gerstein@lw.com

and

Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz 51 W. 52nd Street New York, NY 10019 Attention: David A. Katz Facsimile: (212) 403-2000 Email: dakatz@wlrk.com if to JANA: JANA Partners LLC

767 Fifth Avenue, 8th Floor New York, New York 10153 Attention: General Counsel Facsimile: (212) 455-0901

Email: jennifer.fanjiang@janapartners.com

with a copy to: Schulte Roth & Zabel

919 Third Avenue New York, NY 10022 Attention: Marc Weingarten Facsimile: (212) 593-5955

Email: marc.weingarten@srz.com

Section 8. <u>Specific Performance; Remedies</u>. (a) In furtherance and not in limitation of Section 8(b), the parties hereto shall be entitled to seek an injunction or injunctions to prevent breaches of this Agreement and to enforce specifically the terms and provisions of this Agreement, in addition to any other remedy to which they are entitled at law or in equity. Furthermore, each of the parties hereto (a) irrevocably waives the right to trial by jury and (b) agrees to waive any bonding requirement under any applicable law, in the case any other party seeks to enforce the terms by way of equitable relief. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED IN ALL RESPECTS, INCLUDING VALIDITY, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT, BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO THE CHOICE OF LAW PRINCIPLES OF SUCH STATE.

(b) Notwithstanding any other Section in this Agreement and without limiting any other remedies the Company may have in law or equity, in the event that JANA (or any Affiliate or Associate of JANA) fails to perform or otherwise fulfill its obligations set forth in Section 4 in any material respect, and shall not have remedied such failure or non-fulfillment if capable of being remedied or fulfilled within three (3) business days following written notice from the Company of such failure or non-fulfillment, the Company shall not be required to perform or fulfill its obligations set forth in Sections 3 or 4 and the Designee shall promptly tender his resignation as a member of the Company's board of directors effective immediately upon its acceptance by the Company.

- Section 9. <u>Severability</u>. If at any time subsequent to the date hereof, any provision of this Agreement shall be held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, void or unenforceable, such provision shall be of no force and effect, but the illegality or unenforceability of such provision shall have no effect upon the legality or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement.
- Section 10. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts which together shall constitute a single agreement.
- Section 11. <u>No Third Party Beneficiaries</u>. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the parties hereto and is not enforceable by any other persons.
- Section 12. <u>Entire Understanding</u>. This Agreement contains the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and may be amended only by an agreement in writing executed by the parties hereto.
- Section 13. <u>Interpretation and Construction</u>. (a) The Company acknowledges that its board of directors is bound by the obligations of the Company hereunder.
- (b) Each of the parties hereto acknowledges that it has been represented by counsel of its choice throughout all negotiations that have preceded the execution of this Agreement, and that it has executed the same with the advice of said counsel. Each party and its counsel cooperated and participated in the drafting and preparation of this Agreement and the documents referred to herein, and any and all drafts relating thereto exchanged among the parties shall be deemed the work product of all of the parties and may not be construed against any party by reason of its drafting or preparation. Accordingly, any rule of law or any legal decision that would require interpretation of any ambiguities in this Agreement against any party that drafted or prepared it is of no application and is hereby expressly waived by each of the parties hereto, and any controversy over interpretations of this Agreement shall be decided without regard to events of drafting or preparation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the duly authorized signatories
of the parties as of the date hereof.

QEP RESOURCES, INC. JANA PARTNERS LLC

By: <u>/s/ Charles B. Stanley</u> By: <u>/s/ Barry Rosenstein</u>

Name: Charles B. Stanley

Title: Chairman, President and CEO

Name: Barry Rosenstein
Title: Managing Partner

EXHIBIT A

QEP RESOURCES INC. APPOINTS INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR TO ITS BOARD

Announces agreement with JANA Partners LLC

New board member, William Thacker, to serve through the completion of the planned separation of QEP Field Services from QEP Resources

DENVER, Colorado – February XX, 2014 – QEP Resources Inc. (NYSE: QEP, "QEP" or the "Company"), today announced that it has appointed William L. Thacker to its board of directors, effective immediately. In joining the board, Mr. Thacker will be able to assist with the Company's previously announced separation of its midstream business, QEP Field Services Company ("QEP Field Services"), including the Company's ownership of QEP Midstream Partners, LP (NYSE:QEPM, "QEPM"), from QEP. Mr. Thacker has agreed to resign from the QEP board upon completion of the separation. For more background on the decision to separate QEP Field Services from QEP please see the Company's Form 8-Ks filed December 5, 2013 and February 4, 2014.

Mr. Thacker brings significant midstream energy expertise to QEP's Board through his experience as a director on multiple public midstream company boards, including serving as non-executive chairman of the board of Copano Energy LLC from 2009 through to its sale to Kinder Morgan Energy Partners for \$5.1 billion in 2013. Previously Mr. Thacker served as chief executive officer of TEPPCO Partners, overseeing the company's steady expansion and entrance into crude oil gathering and marketing, petrochemical pipelining, and gas gathering and processing. Mr. Thacker also served as chairman of Pacific Energy Management's Special Committee during its sale to Plains All American Pipeline for \$2.3 billion in 2006. Mr. Thacker will qualify as an "independent director" under New York Stock Exchange rules.

"We are pleased to welcome Bill and the deep and complementary expertise he brings to the Board as we pursue the separation of our midstream business in a continuation of our work to enhance the value of the Company for all of its shareholders," said Chuck Stanley, Chairman, President and CEO of QEP.

QEP also announced that it has reached an agreement with JANA Partners to vote in favor of QEP's nominees at its 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, as well as other customary related terms.

"For more than a year, we have worked collaboratively with the QEP Board and management team in connection with their execution of various steps to deliver value to QEP shareholders," said Barry Rosenstein, Managing Partner of JANA Partners LLC. "Adding Bill's depth of experience will be very helpful in maximizing shareholder value as the Company continues to execute the completion of its previously announced separation of its midstream business, QEP Field Services, from QEP, including determining the use of the proceeds, if any, from the separation."

About QEP Resources

QEP Resources, Inc. (NYSE:QEP) is a leading independent natural gas and crude oil exploration and production company focused in two major regions: the Northern Region (primarily the Rockies and the Williston Basin) and the Southern Region (primarily Oklahoma, the Texas Panhandle, and Louisiana) of the United States. QEP Resources also gathers, compresses, treats, processes and stores natural gas. QEP Resources is the majority owner of QEP Midstream Partners, LP (NYSE:QEPM) and owns 100% of the partnership's general partner. For more information, visit QEP Resources' website at: www.qepres.com.

Forward Looking Statements

This release includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Forward-looking statements can be identified by words such as "anticipates," "believes," "forecasts," "plans," "estimates," "expects," "should," "will" or other similar expressions. All statements that address expectations or projections about the future are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and are based on certain assumptions and expectations of future results which may not be realized. Forward-looking statements also involve risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond the Company's control. Actual results may differ materially from those included in the forward-looking statements due to a number of factors, including, but not limited to: the availability of capital; global geopolitical and macroeconomic factors; general economic conditions, including interest rates; changes in local, regional, national and global demand for natural gas, oil and NGL; natural gas, NGL and oil prices; impact of new laws and regulations, including regulations regarding the use of hydraulic fracture stimulation and the implementation of the Dodd-Frank Act; elimination of federal income tax deductions for oil and gas exploration and development; drilling results; shortages of oilfield equipment, services and personnel; operating risks such as unexpected drilling conditions; weather conditions; changes in maintenance and construction costs and possible inflationary pressures; permitting delays; the availability and cost of credit; outcome of contingencies such as legal proceedings; risks relating to the securities markets generally; the impact of adverse market conditions affecting the Company's business; fluctuations in processing margins; unexpected changes in costs for constructing, modifying or operating midstream facilities; lack of, or disruptions in, adequate and reliable transportation for the Company's products; limited access to capital or significantly higher cost of capital related to illiquidity or uncertainty in the domestic or international financial markets; inadequate supplies of water and/or lack of water disposal sources; the implications of the JANA Partners, LLC share accumulations and its proposals to the Company and the Company's response to those proposals; the impact of capital market and business conditions on the nature and timing of a separation of QEP Field Services; the impact on QEP of such separation, including the time and resources devoted to its execution and the consequences of separation of the midstream assets from QEP; future opportunities that the Company's board of directors may determine present greater potential value to stockholders than any contemplated transaction; and the other risks discussed in the Company's periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Risk Factors section of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly correct or update the forward-looking statements in this news release, in other documents, or on its website to reflect future events or circumstances. All such statements are expressly qualified by this cautionary statement.

Contact

QEP Resources, Inc.

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Media: Brent Rockwood Director, Communications 303-672-6999

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DENVER, Colorado – February XX, 2014 – QEP Resources Inc. (NYSE: QEP, "QEP" or the "Company"), today announced that it has appointed William L. Thacker to its board of directors, effective immediately. In joining the board, Mr. Thacker will be able to assist with the Company's previously announced separation of its midstream business, QEP Field Services Company ("QEP Field Services"), including the Company's ownership of QEP Midstream Partners, LP (NYSE:QEPM, "QEPM"), from QEP. Mr. Thacker has agreed to resign from the QEP board upon completion of the separation. For more background on the decision to separate QEP Field Services from QEP please see the Company's Form 8-Ks filed December 5, 2013 and February 4, 2014.

Mr. Thacker brings significant midstream energy expertise to QEP's Board through his experience as a director on multiple public midstream company boards, including serving as non-executive chairman of the board of Copano Energy LLC from 2009 through to its sale to Kinder Morgan Energy Partners for \$5.1 billion in 2013. Previously Mr. Thacker served as chief executive officer of TEPPCO Partners, overseeing the company's steady expansion and entrance into crude oil gathering and marketing, petrochemical pipelining, and gas gathering and processing. Mr. Thacker also served as chairman of Pacific Energy Management's Special Committee during its sale to Plains All American Pipeline for \$2.3 billion in 2006. Mr. Thacker will qualify as an "independent director" under New York Stock Exchange rules.

"We are pleased to welcome Bill and the deep and complementary expertise he brings to the Board as we pursue the separation of our midstream business in a continuation of our work to enhance the value of the Company for all of its shareholders," said Chuck Stanley, Chairman, President and CEO of QEP.

QEP also announced that it has reached an agreement with JANA Partners to vote in favor of QEP's nominees at its 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, as well as other customary related terms.

"For more than a year, we have worked collaboratively with the QEP Board and management team in connection with their execution of various steps to deliver value to QEP shareholders," said Barry Rosenstein, Managing Partner of JANA Partners LLC. "Adding Bill's depth of experience will be very helpful in maximizing shareholder value as the Company continues to execute the completion of its previously announced separation of its midstream business, QEP Field Services, from QEP, including determining the use of the proceeds, if any, from the separation."

About QEP Resources

QEP Resources, Inc. (NYSE:QEP) is a leading independent natural gas and crude oil exploration and production company focused in two major regions: the Northern Region (primarily the Rockies and the Williston Basin) and the Southern Region (primarily Oklahoma, the Texas Panhandle, and Louisiana) of the United States. QEP Resources also gathers, compresses, treats, processes and stores natural gas. QEP Resources is the majority owner of QEP Midstream Partners, LP (NYSE:QEPM) and owns 100% of the partnership's general partner. For more information, visit QEP Resources' website at: www.qepres.com.

Forward Looking Statements

This release includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Forward-looking statements can be identified by words such as "anticipates," "believes," "forecasts," "plans," "estimates," "expects," "should," "will" or other similar expressions. All statements that address expectations or projections about the future are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and are based on certain assumptions and expectations of future results which may not be realized. Forward-looking statements also involve risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond the Company's control. Actual results may differ materially from those included in the forward-looking statements due to a number of factors, including, but not limited to: the availability of capital; global geopolitical and macroeconomic factors; general economic conditions, including interest rates; changes in local, regional, national and global demand for natural gas, oil and NGL; natural gas, NGL and oil prices; impact of new laws and regulations, including regulations regarding the use of hydraulic fracture stimulation and the implementation of the Dodd-Frank Act; elimination of federal income tax deductions for oil and gas exploration and development; drilling results; shortages of oilfield equipment, services and personnel; operating risks such as unexpected drilling conditions; weather conditions; changes in maintenance and construction costs and possible inflationary pressures; permitting delays; the availability and cost of credit; outcome of contingencies such as legal proceedings; risks relating to the securities markets generally; the impact of adverse market conditions affecting the Company's business; fluctuations in processing margins; unexpected changes in costs for constructing, modifying or operating midstream facilities; lack of, or disruptions in, adequate and reliable transportation for the Company's products; limited access to capital or significantly higher cost of capital related to illiquidity or uncertainty in the domestic or international financial markets; inadequate supplies of water and/or lack of water disposal sources; the implications of the JANA Partners, LLC share accumulations and its proposals to the Company and the Company's response to those proposals; the impact of capital market and business conditions on the nature and timing of a separation of QEP Field Services; the impact on QEP of such separation, including the time and resources devoted to its execution and the consequences of separation of the midstream assets from QEP; future opportunities that the Company's board of directors may determine present greater potential value to stockholders than any contemplated transaction; and the other risks discussed in the Company's periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Risk Factors section of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly correct or update the forward-looking statements in this news release, in other documents, or on its website to reflect future events or circumstances. All such statements are expressly qualified by this cautionary statement.

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