# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 8-K

#### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: March 3, 2020 (Date of earliest event reported)

## **QEP RESOURCES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** 

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-34778

(Commission File Number) 87-0287750

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

#### 1050 17th Street, Suite 800 Denver, Colorado 80265

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(303) 672-6900

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

#### **Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K	a filing is intended to simultaneous	ly satisfy the filing obligation	ı of the registrant und	er any of
he following provisions (see General Instruction	A.2. below):			

I	Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
	Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
I	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
ı	$Pre-commencement\ communications\ pursuant\ to\ Rule\ 13e-4(c)\ under\ the\ Exchange\ Act\ (17\ CFR\ 240.13e-4(c))$

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class Common stock, \$0.01 par value Trading Symbol(s) **QEP** 

Name of each exchange on which registered

New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by checkmark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter)		
If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.		

#### Item 4.01 Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant.

As previously announced, on October 21, 2019, the Audit Committee (Audit Committee) of the Board of Directors of QEP Resources, Inc. (the Company) dismissed PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) as the Company's independent registered accounting firm, effective upon completion of their audit of the Company's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2019. On February 26, 2020, PwC completed its audit of the Company's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the engagement of PwC as the Company's independent registered accounting firm has ceased.

On March 3, 2020, the Audit Committee formally engaged Deloitte & Touche LLP (Deloitte) to serve as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the Company's fiscal year ending December 31, 2020.

The reports of PwC on the Company's consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 did not contain any adverse opinion or a disclaimer of opinion, nor were they qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope, or accounting principles.

During the fiscal years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the subsequent interim period through February 26, 2020, there were no (i) disagreements with PwC on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure, which disagreements if not resolved to their satisfaction, would have caused them to make reference to the subject matter of the disagreement in connection with their report, or (ii) reportable events (as described in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K).

The Company has provided PwC with a copy of the above disclosures, and PwC has furnished the Company with a letter addressed to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) stating that it agrees with the statements made above. A copy of PwC's letter, dated March 4, 2020, is attached as Exhibit 16.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

During the fiscal years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the subsequent interim period through February 26, 2020, neither the Company nor anyone on its behalf consulted Deloitte regarding either (i) the application of accounting principles to any specified transaction, either completed or proposed, or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the Company's financial statements or (ii) any matter that was either the subject of a disagreement (as described in Item 304(a)(1)(iv) of Regulation S-K) or a reportable event (as described in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K).

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Exhibit

16.1 <u>Letter from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP</u>

## **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf t	by the
undersigned hereunto duly authorized.	

QEP Resources, Inc. (Registrant)

March 4, 2020

/s/ William J. Buese

William J. Buese

Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

March 4, 2020

Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street, N.E. Washington, DC 20549

#### Commissioners:

We have read the statements made by QEP Resources, Inc. (copy attached), which we understand will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, pursuant to Item 4.01 of Form 8-K, as part of the Form 8-K of QEP Resources, Inc. dated March 3, 2020. We agree with the statements concerning our Firm contained therein.

Very truly yours,

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Denver, Colorado