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# FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> <u>Richards Perry H</u>			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>QEP RESOURCES, INC.</u> [ QEP ]	(Check	ionship of Reporting Persor all applicable) Director Officer (give title	n(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify
I (Last) (First) (Middle) I		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/05/2013	Х	below) Sr VP, QEP Field S	below)
(Street) DENVER	СО	80265	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indivi Line) X	dual or Joint/Group Filing (C Form filed by One Reporti Form filed by More than C	ing Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			Person	

### 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)			4. Securities A Disposed Of (I			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(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1150.4)
Common Stock	03/05/2013		F		<b>2,001</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ <mark>30</mark>	41,735	D	
Common Stock								6,449.016 <sup>(2)</sup>	Ι	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. Transa Code ( 8)		of		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							(3)	(3)	Phantom Stock Units	5,066.6523		5,066.6523	D	
Phantom Stock Units	\$0.00							(4)	(4)	Phantom Stock Units	17,892		17,892	D	
Stock Option	\$39.07							(5)	02/25/2018	Common Stock	9,371		9,371	D	
Stock Option	\$30.9							(6)	02/13/2019	Common Stock	13,063		13,063	D	
Stock Option	\$30.12							(7)	02/13/2020	Common Stock	13,055		13,055	D	
Stock Option	\$23.98							03/05/2012	03/05/2016	Common Stock	25,000		25,000	D	
Stock Option	\$27.55							03/05/2013	03/05/2017	Common Stock	15,000		15,000	D	

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. I received a distribution of formerly restricted shares of stock and made an advance election to satisfy my tax payment obligations by withholding shares.

2. As of March 5, 2013 I have 6,449.016 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.

3. 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.

4. These phantom stock units are associated with QEP's Long Term Cash Incentive Plan.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. The option vests in three annual installments beginning on March 5, 2014, subject to accelerated vesting upon the occurrence of certain events as set forth in the award agreement.

### **Remarks:**

<u>Abigail L. Jones, Attorney in</u> Fact

03/07/2013

Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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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