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FORM 4

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Rosinski Michael Joseph			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Rosetta Resources Inc. [ROSE]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
717 TEXAS, SU	UITE 2800		(Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2009	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Exec VP & CFO		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
HOUSTON, TX	X 77002		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State) (2	Table	I - Non-De	erivative So	ecuriti	ies Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock (1)	01/02/2009	01/05/2009	Code V	Amount 7,500 (2)	or (D) D	Price \$ 0	(Instr. 3 and 4) 57,500	D	
Restricted Stock (1)	01/02/2009	01/05/2009	J	7,500 (2)	A	\$0	25,000	D	
Restricted Stock (1)	01/02/2009	01/06/2009	A	49,343	A	\$0	74,343	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Nur of S
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.355	01/02/2009	01/06/2009	A	53,423	01/02/2010	01/01/2019	Common Stock (4)	53
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16					<u>(5)</u>	07/07/2015	Common Stock	30
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.775					02/01/2009	02/01/2018	Common Stock	27
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.23					<u>(6)</u>	02/24/2016	Common Stock	9,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.51					01/02/2008	01/02/2017	Common Stock	22

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Rosinski Michael Joseph			Exec VP & CFO				

Signatures

HOUSTON, TX 77002

Michael J. Rosinski 01/08/2009

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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- * 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).
- (1) Restrictions to be lifted as to 25 percent on first anniversary date of grant, 25 percent on the second anniversary date of grant, and 50 percent on the third anniversary date of grant.
- (2) Changes required to reflect formerly restricted stock that has vested, and is now listed as "common stock".
- (3) Options vest 25% on first anniversary date of grant, 25% on second anniversary date of grant and 50% on third anniversary date of grant.
- (4) Common Stock
- (5) The options vests 25% at date of grant and 25% at each subsequent anniversary date.
- Options vest 25% at first anniversary date of grant, 25% on second anniversary date of grant and 50% on third anniversary date of grant. Upon vesting, options can then be exercised.

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