#### KEY ENERGY SERVICES INC

Form 4

December 23, 2009

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* ALARIO RICHARD J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

[KEG]

KEY ENERGY SERVICES INC

(Check all applicable)

CEO, President and Chair

(Last)

(City)

Stock

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

\_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title

below)

Other (specify below)

1301 MCKINNEY STREET, SUITE

(Street)

(State)

1800

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

12/22/2009

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

HOUSTON, TX 77010

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Code V

(D) Amount

(A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common 12/22/2009

Price \$ 14,355 F D 9.12 (1) (2)

1,053,911 (3)

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)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired		ate	Secur	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo
				(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address			Relationships	
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ALARIO RICHARD J 1301 MCKINNEY STREET SUITE 1800 HOUSTON, TX 77010	X		CEO, President and Chair	

# **Signatures**

By Robert B. Rapfogel, Attorney-in-fact for Richard J.
Alario 12/23/2009

# **Explanation of Responses:**

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

- \* 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).

Date

- (1) Payment of tax liability by delivery of stock incident to the vesting on December 22, 2009 of 50,000 shares of restricted stock.
- (2) Vesting price is based on the closing price of common stock on December 21, 2009, pursuant to the Key Energy Group, Inc. 1997 Incentive Plan (the "1997 Plan").
- (3) Includes 705,753 unvested shares of restricted stock granted under the 1997 Plan and the Key Energy Services, Inc. 2007 Equity and Cash Incentive Plan.

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