

Hickey Michael Harold
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Hickey Michael Harold

(Last) (First) (Middle)

717 TEXAS, SUITE 2800

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77002

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
Rosetta Resources Inc. [ROSE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/24/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

VP & General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	08/24/2006	08/24/2006	P	500	(A) or (D) \$ 17.55	17,068	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)

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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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16					<u>(1)</u>	08/01/2015	Common Stock	26,250
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (2)	\$ 18.23					<u>(3)</u>	02/24/2016	Common Stock	8,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Hickey Michael Harold 717 TEXAS, SUITE 2800 HOUSTON, TX 77002	VP & General Counsel

Signatures

Michael H.
Hickey 08/24/2006

 **Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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) The options vests 25% at date of grant and 25% at each subsequent anniversary date.
- (2) Options vest 25% on first anniversary date of grant, 25% on second anniversary date of grant and 50% on third anniversary date of grant.
- (3) 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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