

DeSanctis Ellen
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DeSanctis Ellen

(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)
01/02/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP, Strategy & Development

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Restricted Stock ⁽¹⁾	01/02/2009	01/06/2009	A	49,343 A \$ 0	66,843	D	
Common Stock					62,300	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 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 Security (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) <u>(2)</u>	\$ 7.355	01/02/2009	01/06/2009	A	53,423	01/02/2010	01/01/2019	Common Stock <u>(3)</u>	53
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(2)</u>	\$ 17.775					10/01/2009	09/30/2018	Common Stock	27

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DeSanctis Ellen 717 TEXAS, SUITE 2800 HOUSTON, TX 77002			EVP, Strategy & Development	

Signatures

Ellen R.
DeSanctis

01/08/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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) 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) 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) Common Stock

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