

KEY ENERGY SERVICES INC
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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 *
AUSTIN WILLIAM M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
KEY ENERGY SERVICES INC [KEG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1301 MCKINNEY STREET, SUITE 1800

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/10/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP and CFO

(Street)
 HOUSTON, TX 77010

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 (D) Price		
Common Stock	04/10/2008		A		50,000 (1)	A	\$ 0 218,643 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
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.07	04/10/2008		A	94,500	(2) 04/09/2018		Common Stock	94,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
AUSTIN WILLIAM M 1301 MCKINNEY STREET SUITE 1800 HOUSTON, TX 77010			SVP and CFO	

Signatures

By Kimberly R. Frye, Attorney-in-Fact for William M. Austin 04/14/2008

__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) Represents unvested award of restricted stock shares granted under the Key Energy Services, Inc. 2007 Equity and Cash Incentive Plan. The restricted stock shares will vest in four equal annual installments beginning on April 10, 2009.
- (2) Stock options granted under the Key Energy Services, Inc. 2007 Equity and Cash Incentive Plan. The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on April 10, 2009.

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