QEP RESOURCES, INC.

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** RATTIE KEITH O | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol QEP RESOURCES, INC. [QEP] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | |
|---|---------|----------|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | |
| 1050 17TH STREET, SUITE 500 | | | (Month/Day/Year) 12/29/2010 | X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | |
| DENVER, CO 80265 | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| (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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | (A) or | | | 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2010 | | M | 8,764 | A | \$ 9.49 | 342,976 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2010 | | S | 8,764 | D | \$ 36.5599 | 334,212 (1) | D | | |
| Common Stock | 12/30/2010 | | M | 658 | A | \$ 9.49 | 334,870 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 12/30/2010 | | S | 658 | D | \$ 36.5 | 334,212 (1) | D | | |
| Common Stock | 12/31/2010 | | M | 8,578 | A | \$ 9.49 | 342,790 | D | | |
| | 12/31/2010 | | S | 8,578 | D | | 334,212 <u>(1)</u> | D | | |

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| Common Stock | \$ 36.5072 | | |
|-----------------|---------------|-------|---|
| Common Stock | | 2,542 | I |

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 $\label{thm:convertible} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (\emph{e.g.}, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \\ \end{tabular}$

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Code | 5. Number of iorDerivative 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 Nui Sha |
| Phantom Stock Units | \$ 36.31 | 12/31/2010 | J | 26,404.981 | (2) | (2) | Phantom Stock Units | 26 |
| Stock Option | \$ 9.49 | 12/29/2010 | M | 8,764 | 08/13/2001 | 02/13/2011 | Common Stock | |
| Stock Option | \$ 9.49 | 12/30/2010 | M | 658 | 08/13/2001 | 02/13/2011 | Common Stock | |
| Stock Option | \$ 9.49 | 12/31/2010 | M | 8,578 | 08/13/2001 | 02/13/2011 | Common Stock | |
| Restricted Stock Unit | \$ 0 | | | | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock | 4 |
| Stock Option | \$ 7.78 | | | | 08/11/2002 | 02/11/2012 | Common Stock | 2 |
| Stock Option | \$ 9.19 | | | | 08/11/2003 | 02/11/2013 | Common Stock | 3 |
| Stock Option | \$ 23.98 | | | | 06/30/2010 | 03/05/2016 | Common Stock | 1 |
| Stock Option | \$ 27.84 | | | | 06/30/2010 | 02/13/2015 | Common Stock | |
| Stock Option | \$ 36.48 | | | | 06/30/2010 | 02/12/2016 | Common Stock | |
| Stock | \$ 26.14 | | | | 06/30/2010 | 10/24/2012 | Common | 2 |

Option Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

RATTIE KEITH O 1050 17TH STREET, SUITE 500 X DENVER, CO 80265

Signatures

Abigail L. Jones, Attorney o1/03/2011

**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) My disposition of these shares was pursuant to a 10b5-1 plan. The shares were acquired by the exercise of an option that that would have expired in early 2011.
- Vested shares of phantom stock units will be payable in cash on the date of, or at a designated anniversary date following, the first to occur of the reporting person's (i) separation from service from QEP (subject to 6-month delay if necessary to comply with IRC 409A), (ii) death or (iii) disability, pursuant to the QEP Resources, Inc. Deferred Compensation Wrap Plan.
- (3) This disposition represents Phantom Stock Units as a cash distribution of my 401k Supplemental Plan.
- (4) The restricted stock units vest in three equal annual installments beginning on July 1, 2011, subject to accelerated vesting upon the occurrence of certain events as set forth in the award agreement.

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