

Neese Jay B  
 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 \*  
 Neese Jay B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 QEP RESOURCES, INC. [QEP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1050 17TH STREET, SUITE 500  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/07/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Executive Vice President

DENVER, CO 80265  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	12/07/2012		M		17,910 (1)	A	\$ 9.19
Common Stock					30,643.386 (2)	I	Employee Investment Plan

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)
					V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0	12/07/2012		A		42,529		(3)	(3)	Phantom Stock Units
Stock Option	\$ 9.19	12/07/2012		M		17,910		08/11/2003	02/11/2013	Common Stock
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0							(4)	(4)	Phantom Stock Units
Stock Option	\$ 39.07							(5)	02/25/2018	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 30.9							(6)	02/13/2019	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 23.98							03/05/2012	03/05/2016	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 27.55							(7)	03/05/2017	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Neese Jay B 1050 17TH STREET, SUITE 500 DENVER, CO 80265			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

Abigail L. Jones, Attorney  
in Fact  
12/10/2012

\*\*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) These shares were acquired by the exercise of an option that would have expired in February 2013.

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- (2) As of December 7, 2012, I have 30,643.3860 equivalent shares of stock in QEP's Employee Investment Plan. The number of equivalent shares will fluctuate as QEP's stock price changes; this fluctuation does not reflect any transactions that should be reported.
- 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) distribution election date which is not earlier than two years from the plan year (ii) separation from service from QEP (subject to 6-month delay if necessary to comply with IRC 409A), (iii) death or (iv) disability, pursuant to the QEP Resources, Inc. Deferred Compensation Wrap Plan. This total includes shares attributable to the 401(k) supplemental program of the Deferred Compensation Wrap Plan. Consequently, share totals may change without any visible activity.
- (3) These phantom stock units are associated with QEP's Long Term Cash Incentive Plan.
- (4) The option vests in three annual installments which began on March 5, 2012, subject to accelerated vesting upon the occurrence of certain events as set forth in the award agreement.
- (5) The option vests in three annual installments beginning on March 5, 2013, subject to accelerated vesting upon the occurrence of certain events as set forth in the award agreement.
- (6) The option vests in three annual installments which began on March 5, 2011, subject to accelerated vesting upon the occurrence of certain events as set forth in the award agreement.
- (7)

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