

Rosetta Resources Inc.  
Form 8-K  
December 17, 2008

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 16, 2008

Rosetta Resources Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DE  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

000-51801  
(Commission File Number)

43-2083519  
(IRS Employer Identification Number)

717 Texas, Suite 2800, Houston, TX  
(Address of principal executive  
offices)

77002  
(Zip Code)

713-335-4000  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable  
(Former Name or Former Address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On December 16, 2008, the Registrant issued a press release providing an update on several operational and financial matters and announcing its approved 2009 capital budget.

The press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report. Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated therein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) Financial statements:

None

(b) Pro forma financial information:

None

(c) Shell company transactions:

None

(d) Exhibits

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Press Release of Rosetta Resources Inc. dated December 16, 2008.

A copy of Rosetta's press release relating to this event is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

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None

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None

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None

(d) Exhibits

99.1 "Rosetta Resources Inc. Provides Operational Update and Announces 2009 Capital Budget"

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: December 16, 2008     ROSETTA RESOURCES INC.

By:                                 /s/ Michael J. Rosinski

Michael J. Rosinski  
Executive Vice President & Chief Financial  
Officer

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Exhibit Index

Exhibit No.  
99.1

Description  
Press Release dated December 16, 2008.

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