

KEY ENERGY SERVICES INC  
 Form 4  
 December 23, 2009

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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 \*  
 ALARIO RICHARD J

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)  
 12/22/2009

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 CEO, President and Chair

(Street)  
 HOUSTON, TX 77010

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 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	Price	
					(A) or (D)	\$	
Common Stock	12/22/2009		F		14,355 (1)	9.12 (2)	1,053,911 (3) 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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ALARIO RICHARD J 1301 MCKINNEY STREET SUITE 1800 HOUSTON, TX 77010	X		CEO, President and Chair	

## Signatures

By Robert B. Rapfogel, Attorney-in-fact for Richard J. Alario

12/23/2009

\*\*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) Payment of tax liability by delivery of stock incident to the vesting on December 22, 2009 of 50,000 shares of restricted stock.
- (2) Vesting price is based on the closing price of common stock on December 21, 2009, pursuant to the Key Energy Group, Inc. 1997 Incentive Plan (the "1997 Plan").
- (3) Includes 705,753 unvested shares of restricted stock granted under the 1997 Plan and the Key Energy Services, Inc. 2007 Equity and Cash Incentive Plan.

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