QEP RESOURCES, INC.

Form 4

December 22, 2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last) (First)

(Middle)

QEP RESOURCES, INC. [QEP]

below)

(Check all applicable)

1050 17TH STREET, SUITE 500

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

_X__ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

12/20/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Person

DENVER, CO 80265

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acquir	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y 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)	4. Securit bor Dispos (Instr. 3,	ed of		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	12/20/2010		M	20,000	A	\$ 9.49	354,212	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2010		S	20,000	D	\$ 36.7321	334,212 (1)	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2010		M	20,000	A	\$ 9.49	354,212	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2010		S	20,000	D	\$ 36.8422	334,212 (1)	D	
Common Stock	12/22/2010		M	20,000	A	\$ 9.49	354,212	D	
	12/22/2010		S	20,000	D		334,212 <u>(1)</u>	D	

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Common	\$
Stock	37.3294

Common Stock 2,542 I IRA

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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)	Transaction Code S (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 Number Shares
Stock Option	\$ 9.49	12/20/2010		M	20,000	08/13/2001	02/13/2011	Common Stock	20,0
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Stock Option	\$ 9.49	12/22/2010		M	20,000	08/13/2001	02/13/2011	Common Stock	20,0
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0					(2)	(2)	Phantom Stock Units	26,404
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0					<u>(3)</u>	(3)	Common Stock	40.93
Stock Option	\$ 7.78					08/11/2002	02/11/2012	Common Stock	271,2
Stock Option	\$ 9.19					08/11/2003	02/11/2013	Common Stock	300,0
Stock Option	\$ 23.98					06/30/2010	03/05/2016	Common Stock	147,1
Stock Option	\$ 27.84					06/30/2010	02/13/2015	Common Stock	80,0
Stock Option	\$ 36.48					06/30/2010	02/12/2016	Common Stock	30,0

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Stock Option	\$ 26.14	06/30/2010	10/24/2012	Common Stock	200,0
Stock Option	\$ 27.55	06/30/2010	03/05/2017	Common Stock	125,0

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

Abigial L. Jones, Attorney 12/22/2010 in Fact

**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).
- 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 (2) 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.
- The restricted stock units vest in three equal annual installments beginning on July 1, 2011, subject to accelerated vesting upon the occurence of certain events as set forth in the award agreement.

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