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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

Common

Stock

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A Hickey Micl	Person * 2. Issue Symbol	r Name and	l Ticker or	Tradi	ng	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
		Rosetta	Resource	es Inc. [R	OSE	.]	(Chec	k all applicable)	
(Last)	(First) (M	Middle) 3. Date of	3. Date of Earliest Transaction							
717 TEXAS		(Month/Day/Year) 08/01/2006				Director 10% Owner Selficer (give title Other (specify below) below) VP & General Counsel				
	4. If Ame	4. If Amendment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
HOUSTON,			Filed(Month/Day/Year) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Aco				Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3.	4. Securion(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ties A ispose 4 and (A) or	cquired d of (D) 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)		
Common Stock (1)	08/01/2006	08/01/2006	F	397	D	\$ 17.59	16,171	D		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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8,000

01/03/2007

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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 or 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 Amou Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Nu of S
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.51	01/03/2007	01/03/2007	A	20,000	01/02/2008	01/03/2017	Common Stock	20
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16					<u>(2)</u>	08/01/2015	Common Stock	26
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.23					<u>(4)</u>	02/24/2016	Common Stock	8,

Reporting Owners

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hickey Michael Harold 717 TEXAS, SUITE 2800 HOUSTON, TX 77002

VP & General Counsel

Signatures

Michael H. 01/05/2007 Hickey

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) 12,000 shares vested 100% on 2/13/06 and 6,000 shares vest 25%,25% and 50% on the three successive anniversary dates of the grant.
- (2) The options vests 25% at date of grant and 25% at each subsequent anniversary date.
- (3) Options vest 25% on first anniversary date of grant, 25% on second anniversary date of grant and 50% on third anniversary date of grant.
- Options vest 25% at first anniversary date of grant, 25% on second anniversary date of grant and 50% on third anniversary date of grant. Upon vesting, options can then be exercised.

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