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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A Patteson Don	•	_	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			Rosetta Resources Inc. [ROSE]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
717 TEXAS, SUITE 2800			05/07/2012	Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
				X Form filed by One Reporting Person		
HOUSTON, TX 77002				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	T-11. I N. D. C. C. C. A.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		

(City)	(State)	Table Table	e I - Non-D	erivative Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Transactio	4. Securities Adm(A) or Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 and	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
(IIIsu. 3)		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(msu. 3, 4 and	3)	Owned Following	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or		Reported Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	05/07/2012	05/07/2012	F	854 (1) D	\$ 45.56	21,686	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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5	Derivative Security Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	s I		Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
					Code V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title Amour or Number of	er	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Patteson Donald Douglas Jr 717 TEXAS SUITE 2800 HOUSTON, TX 77002	X						

Signatures

/s/ Janice Ward for Donald D. Patteson, Jr. 05/07/2012

**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) Shares traded for tax liability upon vesting of Restricted Stock.

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