

Estis William Rufus  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Estis William Rufus

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Rosetta Resources Inc. [ROSE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 717 TEXAS, SUITE 2800  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 10/01/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Vice President and Controller

HOUSTON, TX 77002  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	10/01/2009	10/01/2009	A <sup>(1)</sup>	10,300 A \$ 0	10,300	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-qualified Stock Option <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 14.295	10/01/2009	10/01/2009	A	11,150	10/01/2010 <sup>(3)</sup>	10/01/2019			Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Estis William Rufus 717 TEXAS SUITE 2800 HOUSTON, TX 77002			Vice President and Controller	

## Signatures

/s/ Karen Paganis for W. Rufus  
 Estis 10/05/2009  
\*\*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) Restricted Stock awarded under the 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan. 25% of such shares will vest October 1, 2010, and October 1, 2011, respectively, and the remaining 50% will vest October 1, 2012, if continually employed by the company through such period.
- (2) Nonqualified Stock Options awarded under the 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (3) 25% of the Options will become exercisable on October 1, 2010 and October 1, 2011, respectively, and the remaining 50% will become exercisable on October 1, 2012, if continually employed by the company through such period.

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