

KEY ENERGY SERVICES INC
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FORM 4

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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)
 01/16/2012

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 Following 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 or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 01/16/2012 | | A | | 193,613 (1) | A | \$ 0 1,229,123 (2) 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 Joshua K. Hancock, Attorney-in-fact for Richard J. Alario 01/18/2012

__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) Represents an award of 193,613 shares of unvested restricted stock granted under the Key Energy Services, Inc. 2009 Equity and Cash Incentive Plan (the "2009 Plan"). These shares of restricted stock will vest in three equal annual installments beginning on January 16, 2013.
 - (2) Includes 913,398 unvested shares of restricted stock granted under the Key Energy Services, Inc. 2007 Equity and Cash Incentive Plan and the 2009 Plan.

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