

Craddock James E
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Craddock James E

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)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
VP, Production & Drilling Ops

717 TEXAS, SUITE 2800

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)

HOUSTON, TX 77002

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/22/2008	03/25/2008	J	270 A \$ 18.65	7,970 (1)	D	^
Restricted Stock (2)	^	^	^	^ ^ ^ ^	12,000	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)

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 21.39	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	05/01/2009 05/01/2018	Common Stock	18,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Craddock James E 717 TEXAS, SUITE 2800 HOUSTON, TX 77002	Â	Â	Â VP, Production & Drilling Ops	Â

Signatures

James E. Craddock 12/22/2008

**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) The Company initially failed to report a small ownership position at the time Mr. Craddock became an insider.
- (2) Restrictions to be lifted as to 25 percent on first anniversary date of grant, 25 percent on the second anniversary date of grant, and 50 percent on the third anniversary date of grant.
- (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.

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