Rosetta Resources Inc. Form 8-K December 12, 2011

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 8-K

#### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Date of Report: December 12, 2011 (Date of earliest event reported)

Rosetta Resources Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DE 000-51801 43-2083519
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) Number) (IRS Employer Identification Number)

717 Texas, Suite 2800
Houston, TX 77002
(Address of principal executive offices)

713-335-4000 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable (Former Name or Former Address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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## Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On December 12, 2011, Rosetta Resources Inc. issued a press release with respect to its 2012 capital budget and guidance and an update on the status of the company's Montana drilling program.

The press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report. Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated therein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) Financial statements:

None

(b) Pro forma financial information:

None

(c) Company transactions:

None

(d) Exhibits

Exhibits. The Registrant includes a copy of the press release as Exhibit 99.1.

#### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: December 12, 2011 ROSETTA RESOURCES INC.

By: /s/ JOHN E. HAGALE

John E. Hagale

Executive Vice President, Chief Financial

Officer and Treasurer

**Exhibit Index** 

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release of Rosetta Resources Inc. dated December

12, 2011.