

Rice Energy Inc.
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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 *
CHRISTMAS JAMES W

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2200 RICE DRIVE
(Street)
CANONSBURG, PA 15317

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Rice Energy Inc. [RICE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/31/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

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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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/31/2017		A ⁽¹⁾	8,483 A \$ 0	137,199	D	
Common Stock					25,000	I	By Kathleen Christmas Wehrman Trust ⁽²⁾
Common Stock					25,000	I	By James F. Christmas Trust ⁽²⁾
Common Stock					25,000	I	By Regina M.

Christmas
Trust (2)

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CHRISTMAS JAMES W 2200 RICE DRIVE CANONSBURG, PA 15317		X		

Signatures

/s/ James W. Christmas, by William E. Jordan, as
Attorney-in-Fact

06/02/2017

__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 unit award under the Issuer's Amended and Restated Rice Energy Inc. 2014 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The restricted stock units vest in a single installment on May 31, 2018.

These shares are held in trusts which have previously been established for the reporting person's children, the beneficial ownership of which is disclaimed. This report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of the shares for purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.

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