

Rice Energy Inc.  
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**

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Rice Daniel

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
400 WOODCLIFF 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)  
12/09/2015

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)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common stock                    | 12/09/2015                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 15,000,000  | A  | \$ 0                              |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 34,800,000  | I  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | (2)   |  |                                   |
| Common stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 2,556,844   | D  |                                   |

By Spouse as Trustee for Rice Energy Irrevocable Trust

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 Owned Beneficially (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 |
| Rice Daniel<br>400 WOODCLIFF DRIVE<br>CANONSBURG, PA 15317 | X             | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Daniel J. Rice III, by William E. Jordan, as Attorney-in-Fact

12/10/2015

\_\_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) On December 9, 2015, Rice Energy Irrevocable Trust received 15,000,000 shares of common stock of Rice Energy Inc. as a result of a distribution from Rice Energy Holdings LLC.

(2) These shares are held in Rice Energy Irrevocable Trust for the benefit of the Reporting Person's children and descendants. The Reporting Person's spouse is a trustee of Rice Energy Irrevocable Trust. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and the filing of this report is not an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or for any other purpose.

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