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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>MATTSON ERIC L</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O REX ENERGY CORPORATION</u> <u>366 WALKER DRIVE</u> (Street) <u>STATE COLLEGE PA 16801</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>REX ENERGY CORP [REXX]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/01/2017</u> | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|-----------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 09/01/2017 | | M | | 1,473 | A | \$0.00 ⁽¹⁾ | 11,458 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/01/2017 | | D | | 1,473 | D | \$0.00 ⁽¹⁾ | 9,985 ⁽²⁾ | D | |

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Phantom Stock | (1) | 09/01/2017 | | M | | 1,473 | | 09/01/2017 | 09/01/2017 | Common Stock | 1,473 | \$2.29 ⁽¹⁾ | 1,870 ⁽²⁾ | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- This filing represents the deemed conversion of phantom stock into cash. On September 1, 2017, the reporting person had phantom stock awards that vested in accordance with the provisions in grants made on December 15, 2014, October 1, 2015, and October 1, 2016. Each share of phantom stock was the economic equivalent of one share of REXX common stock. The phantom shares were settled in cash based on the market closing price on August 31, 2017. No shares were actually issued, converted, or sold in connection with this transaction.
- Beneficial ownership reflects a 10 for 1 reverse stock split that was effective May 15, 2017.

Remarks:

Jennifer L. McDonough on behalf of Eric L. Mattson 09/05/2017
 ** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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