

SUNOCO INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
ROWE JOHN W

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1735 MARKET STREET
 (Street)

PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103-7583
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SUNOCO INC [SUN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/10/2008

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)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Derivative Security			Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
			Code	V (A) (D)				
Deferred Share Units	(1)	12/10/2008	A	40.552	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	40.552 \$
Phantom Stock	(1)	12/10/2008	A	116.428	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	116.428 \$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ROWE JOHN W 1735 MARKET STREET PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103-7583			X	

Signatures

/s/ John J. DiRocco, Jr.,
Attorney-in-Fact
**Signature of Reporting Person

12/11/2008
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) Conversion rate is 1 for 1.
- (2) Not Applicable
Total of 4,993.45 Restricted Share Units beneficially owned following reported transaction (11.253 Restricted Share Units under Sunoco, Inc.'s Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan I and 29.299 Restricted Share Units under Sunoco, Inc.'s Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan II).
- (4) Total of 14,336.596 Phantom Stock Units beneficially owned following reported transaction (43.110 Phantom Stock Units under Sunoco, Inc.'s Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan I and 73.318 Phantom Stock Units under Sunoco, Inc.'s Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan II).

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