CROYLE ROBERT G

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** CROYLE ROBERT G			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ROWAN COMPANIES INC [RDC]					Iss	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 3.			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/04/2011						(Check all applicable) _X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
HOUSTON	(Street) N, TX 77056		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				Apj _X;	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - No	n-	Derivative S	Securi	ties Acquire	ed, Disposed of, o	or Beneficially	Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution D any (Month/Day	ate, if	3. Transac Code (Instr. 8	3)	4. Securitie on Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and Amount	f (D)		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)	
Common Stock	03/04/2011			M		75,000	A	\$ 21.19	111,558	D		
Common Stock	03/04/2011			M		67,500	A	\$ 25.265	179,058	D		
Common Stock	03/04/2011			S		142,500	D	\$ 42.9842 (1)	36,558	D		

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 orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Derivative Date Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Instr. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amo Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An or Nu of S
Employee stock option (right to buy)	\$ 21.19	03/04/2011		M	75,000	04/25/2004(2)	12/31/2011(3)	Common Stock	75
Employee stock option (right to buy)	\$ 22.265	03/04/2011		M	67,500	07/21/2005(4)	12/31/2011 <u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	67

Reporting Owners

**Signature of Reporting Person

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
CROYLE ROBERT G 2800 POST OAK BLVD SUITE 5450 HOUSTON, TX 77056	X						

Signatures

/s/ Melanie M. Trent,
Attorney-in-Fact
03/07/2011

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).

Date

This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$42.70 to \$43.29. The price reported above reflects the average (1) sales price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

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- (2) This option was to vest in four annual installments commencing on April 25, 2004. However, due to the reporting person's retirement on December 31, 2006, vesting of all unvested options held on the retirement date was accelerated to the date of retirement.
- (3) Due to the reporting person's retirement on December 31, 2006, the expiration date of these options is December 31, 2011.
- (4) This option was to vest in four annual installments commencing on July 21, 2005. However, due to the reporting person's retirement on December 31, 2006, vesting of all unvested options held on the retirement date was accelerated to the date of retirement.

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