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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Russell David Patrick

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

ROWAN COMPANIES INC [RDC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

2800 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE

(Street)

(First)

(Middle)

(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

5450

12/31/2005

below) Vice President - Drilling

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Person

HOUSTON, TX 77056

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

(Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities Acquired

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4	-				
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.19	12/31/2005		D(1)		18,150	<u>(1)</u>	04/25/2013	Common Stock	18,1
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.19	12/31/2005		A(1)	18,150		<u>(1)</u>	04/25/2013	Common Stock	18,1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Renariing Owner Name / Adaress	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Russell David Patrick 2800 POST OAK BLVD SUITE 5450 HOUSTON, TX 77056

Vice President - Drilling

Signatures

/s/ David P. 01/03/2006 Russell

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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).
- The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the "old" option (1) and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted on April 25, 2003 and provides for vesting in four equal installments commencing on April 25, 2004.

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