ROWAN COMPANIES INC

Form 4

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1(b).

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obligations

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **HUFF JOHN R**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(Middle)

ROWAN COMPANIES INC [RDC]

(Check all applicable)

(First) 2800 POST OAK

BOULEVARD, SUITE 5450

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 08/29/2008

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

below)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Instr. 8)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

(Instr. 4)

HOUSTON, TX 77056

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

(Instr. 4)

(A) or

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

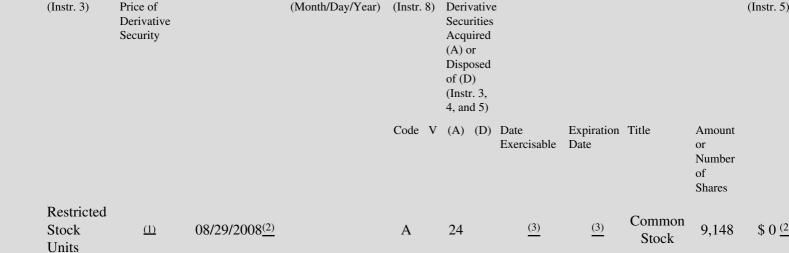
5. TransactionNumber Code of

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

7. Title and Amount of 8. Price **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

Derivati Security

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HUFF JOHN R 2800 POST OAK BOULEVARD SUITE 5450 HOUSTON, TX 77056

X

Signatures

/s/ Melanie M. Trent, Attorney-in-Fact

09/02/2008

**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) Each restricted stock unit (RSU) represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock.
- (2) On August 29, 2008, the Company paid a dividend on its common stock. The Reporting Person received the number of restricted stock units shown above in connection with such dividend.
- (3) Vested shares are delivered to the reporting person after the final termination date of the reporting person's service as a director. At the election of the Compensation Committee, such payment may be made in cash or common stock of the Company.

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