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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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(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			
			ROWAN COMPANIES INC [RDC]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
2800 POST 0 5450	OAK BLVI	O, SUITE	(Month/Day/Year) 05/08/2010	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Executive V.P Drilling			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
HOUSTON,	TX 77056			Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I Non Derivative Securities Acc	vuired Disposed of ar Ranoficially Owner			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	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. Securion(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (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	05/08/2010		F	1,100 (1)	D	\$ 26.94 (2)	117,596 (3)	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)

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Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	r Exercise rice of Perivative	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	ofNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		h/Day/Year)	Secur	Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

Executive V.P. - Drilling

Signatures

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

05/10/2010

**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) These shares were sold to the company in payment of a tax liability due to the vesting of restricted stock awarded to the reporting person. Such restricted stock vested on May 8, 2010.
- (2) Sales price is the average of the high and low sales price on May 7, 2010.
- (3) Includes 88,164 shares of restricted stock held by the reporting person and 10,369 shares held in his savings plan account.

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