Kramek Robert E Form 4 April 29, 2011

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Kramek Robert E

(Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Issuer Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

ROWAN COMPANIES INC [RDC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

2800 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE

(Street)

(First)

5450

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

04/28/2011

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

below) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

_X__ Director

Officer (give title

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

HOUSTON, TX 77056

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 3. 4. Securities

Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (I) Following

7. Nature of 6. Ownership Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

10% Owner

Other (specify

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Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (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. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

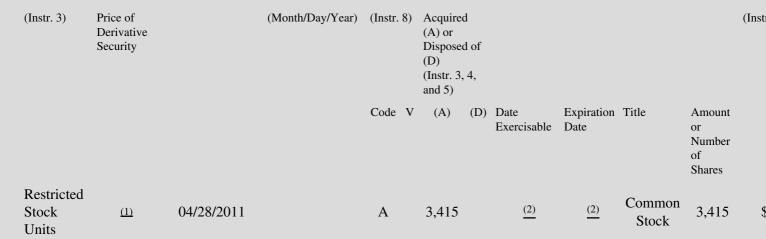
6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

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

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

X

Kramek Robert E 2800 POST OAK BLVD SUITE 5450 HOUSTON, TX 77056

Signatures

/s/ Melanie M. Trent, attorney-in-fact

04/29/2011 Date

**Signature of 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).
- (1) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Rowan Companies, Inc. common stock.

The units vest on the earlier of April 28, 2012 or the date of the next annual meeting of stockholders. Vested shares (including any dividends) will be delivered to the reporting person after the final termination date of the reporting person's service on the Board of Directors. At the election of the Compensation Committee, such payout may be made in cash or shares.

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