

HUFF JOHN R
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
HUFF JOHN R		(Month/Day/Year)	ROWAN COMPANIES INC [RDC]	
(Last)	(First)	04/28/2006		
2800 POST OAK BOULEVARD, SUITE 5450			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)				
HOUSTON, TX 77056				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer Other
(give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	5,000	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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
Restricted Stock Units	Â (1)	Â (1)	Common Stock	2,000	\$ (2)	D Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HUFF JOHN R 2800 POST OAK BOULEVARD SUITE 5450 HOUSTON, TX 77056	Â X	Â	Â	Â

Signatures

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

05/02/2006

Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 restricted stock units vest on the date of the next annual meeting of stockholders. Vested shares (and any accrued dividends) will be
- (1) 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.
 - (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Rowan Companies, Inc. common stock.

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