Kramek Robert E Form 4 May 03, 2010

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

ROWAN COMPANIES INC [RDC]

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SECURITIES 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

1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

(Last)

(City)

(Instr. 3)

5450

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

2800 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Symbol

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

04/29/2010

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

HOUSTON, TX 77056

(State)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

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

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

(Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

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

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

5. Amount of 6. Ownership Securities Beneficially Owned (I) Following (Instr. 4)

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

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

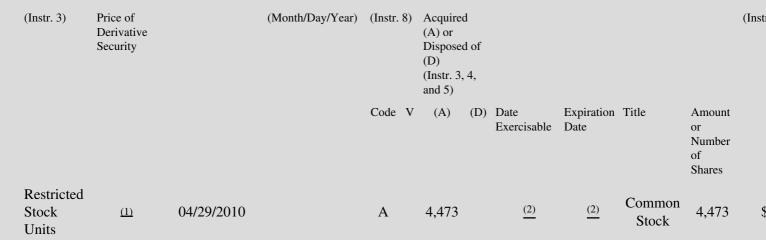
6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

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

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

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

X

Signatures

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

05/03/2010

Deletionship

**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 represents a contingent right to receive one share of Rowan Companies, Inc. common stock.

The units vest on the earlier of April 29, 2011 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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