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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A Woodall Ter	*	rting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ROWAN COMPANIES INC [RDC]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
2800 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 5450			(Month/Day/Year) 03/05/2011	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) VP - Human Resources			
(Street) HOUSTON, TX 77056			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Toble I Non Derivative Securities Acc	equired Disposed of or Rapaficially Owned			

(City)	(State)	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. Securition Dispose (Instr. 3, 4)	ed of (Price	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	03/04/2011		S	11,525	D	\$ 43.012 (1)	33,077 (2)	D		
Common Stock	03/05/2011		F	657 <u>(3)</u>	D	\$ 42.96 (4)	32,420 (2)	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)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Woodall Terry D 2800 POST OAK BLVD **SUITE 5450** HOUSTON, TX 77056

VP - Human Resources

Signatures

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

03/07/2011

**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).
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$42.992 to \$43.111. The price above reflects the weighted average (1) sales price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- (2) Includes 21,376 shares of restricted stock and 3,071 shares in a 401(k) held by the reporting person.
- 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. (3)Such restricted stock vested on March 5, 2011.
- (4) Sales price is the volume weighted average stock price on March 4, 2011.

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