

WHEELER PATRICK GLYN
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF 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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WHEELER PATRICK GLYN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2800 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 5450

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77056-6127

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ROWAN COMPANIES INC [RDC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

12/12/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Assistant Treasurer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	12/12/2005		M		1,675 A \$ 6.19	4,240 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	12/12/2005		M		3,000 A \$ 15.25	7,240 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	12/12/2005		M		8,000 A \$ 22	15,240 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	12/12/2005		S		12,175 D \$ 38.8	3,065 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	12/12/2005		S		500 D \$ 38.81	2,565 ⁽¹⁾	D

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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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy) ⁽²⁾	\$ 6.19	12/12/2005		M	1,675	04/25/2004 04/25/2013	Common Stock	1,675
Option (Right to Buy) ⁽³⁾	\$ 15.25	12/12/2005		M	3,000	04/25/1997 04/25/2006	Common Stock	3,000
Option (Right to Buy) ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 22	12/12/2005		M	8,000	04/26/2002 04/26/2011	Common Stock	8,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WHEELER PATRICK GLYN 2800 POST OAK BLVD SUITE 5450 HOUSTON, TX 77056-6127			Assistant Treasurer	

Signatures

/s/ Patrick Glyn
Wheeler

12/13/2005

**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) Includes 565 shares held in the Company's 401(k) plan as of November 30, 2005.
- (2) This option vests in four equal installments on April 25, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.
- (3) This option vested in four equal installments on April 25, 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000.
- (4) This option vested in four equal installments on April 26, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005.

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