

WAITES BENJAMIN A
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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 Address of Reporting Person *
 WAITES BENJAMIN A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 RARE HOSPITALITY INTERNATIONAL INC [RARE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 8215 ROSWELL ROAD, BUILDING 600
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/21/2005

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

ATLANTA, GA 30350

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Underlying Security
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.9	09/21/2005	A		3,234		09/21/2007 ⁽¹⁾	09/21/2015	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.9	09/21/2005	A		11,766		09/21/2006 ⁽²⁾	09/21/2015	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
WAITES BENJAMIN A 8215 ROSWELL ROAD BUILDING 600 ATLANTA, GA 30350	Chief Accounting Officer

Signatures

Benjamin A. Waites, by Joia M. Johnson,
Attorney-In-Fact 09/23/2005

__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) Grant to reporting person of option to purchase shares under the RARE Hospitality International, Inc. Amended and Restated 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The options vest with respect to 3 shares on September 21, 2007, and 3,231 shares on September 21, 2008.
- (2) Grant to reporting person of option to purchase shares under the RARE Hospitality International, Inc. Amended and Restated 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The options vest with respect to 5,000 shares on September 21, 2006; 4,997 shares on September 21, 2007; and 1,769 shares on September 21, 2008.

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