

AYCOCK LYNDA A
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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 *
AYCOCK LYNDA A

(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)

02/04/2005

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)
Asst. Treas./Asst. Secretary

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/02/2005		M		17,000	A	\$ 0
Common Stock	02/03/2005		S		17,000	D	\$ 29.29
					26,799	(1)	D
					9,799	(1)	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 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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy) ⁽²⁾	\$ 19.625	02/02/2005		M	2,000	04/25/2001	04/25/2007	Common Stock	2,000
Option (Right to Buy) ⁽²⁾	\$ 19.75	02/02/2005		M	5,000	04/24/2002	04/24/2008	Common Stock	5,000
Option (Right to Buy) ⁽²⁾	\$ 18.25	02/02/2005		M	10,000	04/27/2004	04/27/2010	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
AYCOCK LYNDA A 2800 POST OAK BLVD. SUITE 5450 HOUSTON, TX 77056-6127			Asst. Treas./Asst. Secretary	

Signatures

/s/ Lynda A. Aycock 02/04/2005
 **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) Reflects the Reporting Person's aggregated directly-owned shares and indirectly-owned shares (3,886), the latter being shares in the Rowan Common Stock Fund under the Company's 401(k) plan (a unitized plan) at December 31, 2004, such number of shares, which fluctuates, being calculated as equivalent values based upon the value of the total units divided by the corresponding closing price of the underlying Rowan Common Stock on that date.
- (2) Reflects options granted April 25, 1997, April 24, 1998 and April 27, 2000 under the Rowan Companies, Inc. 1988 Nonqualified Stock Option Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. Each option, which became exercisable 25% for each year from the date of grant,

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has now been fully exercised.

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