

SORSBY J LARRY  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
SORSBY J LARRY

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES INC  
[HOV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
10 HIGHWAY 35, P. O. BOX 500  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/07/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Exec. VP and CFO

RED BANK, NJ 07701

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Indirect Beneficial 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 Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|----------|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | (Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title                      | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
|------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|-------------------------|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|            | Phantom<br>Stock<br>Units          | (1)              | 01/07/2005 | A(2)   | 14,099                  |      |   |     |     | (3)                 | (4)                | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 14,099                              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                        |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                | Other |
| SORSBY J LARRY<br>10 HIGHWAY 35<br>P. O. BOX 500<br>RED BANK, NJ 07701 | X             |           | Exec.<br>VP and<br>CFO |       |

## Signatures

Nancy A.  
Marrazzo

01/11/2005

\*\*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) 1-for-1
- (2) Grant of stock bonus payable on January 7, 2005.
- (3) The stock vests in 25% increments beginning on November 1, 2005.
- (4) Distribution must be made as soon as practicable after vesting unless the reporting person has previously elected to defer such distributions.
- (5) Not applicable

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