

KELLER MARK 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 \*  
KELLER MARK A

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)  
2800 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 5450

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/15/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior Vice President

(Street)  
HOUSTON, TX 77056-6127

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (D) Price		
COMMON STOCK	11/15/2005		M		3,000 A \$ 5.25	36,446 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
COMMON STOCK	11/15/2005		M		5,000 A \$ 19.63	41,446 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
COMMON STOCK	11/15/2005		M		4,000 A \$ 22	45,446 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
COMMON STOCK	11/15/2005		M		3,350 A \$ 6.19	48,796 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
COMMON STOCK	11/16/2005		S		2,150 D \$ 34.44	46,646 <sup>(1)</sup>	D

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COMMON STOCK	11/16/2005	S	5,200	D	\$ 34.45	41,446 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
COMMON STOCK	11/16/2005	S	500	D	\$ 34.47	40,946 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
COMMON STOCK	11/16/2005	S	700	D	\$ 34.49	40,246 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
COMMON STOCK	11/16/2005	S	500	D	\$ 34.4	39,746 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
COMMON STOCK	11/16/2005	S	1,300	D	\$ 34.38	38,446 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
COMMON STOCK	11/16/2005	S	3,500	D	\$ 34.35	34,946 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
COMMON STOCK	11/16/2005	S	500	D	\$ 38.44	34,446 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
COMMON STOCK	11/16/2005	S	500	D	\$ 34.36	33,946 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
COMMON STOCK	11/16/2005	S	500	D	\$ 34.35	33,446 <sup>(1)</sup>	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Am or Num of Sha	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Option(Right to Buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 15.25	11/15/2005		M	3,000	04/26/1997 <sup>(2)</sup>	04/26/2006	Common Stock	3,
Option(Right to Buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 19.63	11/15/2005		M	5,000	04/25/1998 <sup>(3)</sup>	04/25/2007	Common Stock	5,
	\$ 22	11/15/2005		M	4,000	04/26/2002 <sup>(4)</sup>	04/26/2011		4,

Option(Right to Buy) <u>(4)</u>								Common Stock
Option(Right to Buy) <u>(5)</u>	\$ 6.19	11/15/2005		M	3,350	04/25/2004 <sup>(5)</sup>	04/25/2013	Common Stock 3,

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KELLER MARK A 2800 POST OAK BLVD SUITE 5450 HOUSTON, TX 77056-6127			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/Mark A.  
Keller

11/17/2005

\*\*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).
- Reflects the Reporting Person's aggregated directly-owned and indirectly-owned shares (4,146), the latter being shares in the Rowan Common Stock Fund under the Company's 401(k) plan (a unitized plan) at September 30, 2005, 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.
- (1) This option vested in four installments on April 25, 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000.
  - (2) This option vested in four installments on April 25, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001.
  - (3) This option vests in four installments on April 26, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005, with the first being exercised herein.
  - (4) This option vests in four installments on April 25, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007, with the first being exercised herein.

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