

PALMER CHARLES ROBERT
Form 4
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Form 4

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN
BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Palmer, Charles Robert			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Rowan Companies, Inc. (RDC)			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)	4. Statement for Month/Day/Year 4/21/2003		(Check all applicable)				
2800 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 5450				5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) <p style="text-align: center;">Chairman and CEO</p>				
(Street) Houston, Tx 77056-6127			Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person _____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)								
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 Transactions (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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	4/21/2003		I		1,001	A	\$20.49	10,419 (1)	I	By 401 (k) Plan
								545,889	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.
* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instructions 4(b)(v).

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

Explanation of Responses:

(1)At April 17, 2003, the Reporting Person s Rowan Common Stock balance (as reported to him by the Plan Trustee on April 21, 2003) under the Company s 401(k) Plan (a unitized fund) was as shown, 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.

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

/s/ **C. R. Palmer**

04/22/2003

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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