

MCNEASE DANIEL F
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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 *
MCNEASE DANIEL F

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
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/22/2004

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman, President and CEO

HOUSTON, X1 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	11/22/2004		C		81,482	A	\$ 6.75
					90,975	(1)	D
Common Stock	11/22/2004		S		29,800	D	\$ 25.3917
					61,175	(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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Debenture due 2004 (2)	\$ 6.75	11/22/2004		C	37,038	11/30/1997 11/30/2004	Common Stock	37,038
Debenture due 2004 (2)	\$ 6.75	11/22/2004		C	44,444	11/30/1998 11/30/2004	Common Stock	44,444

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCNEASE DANIEL F 2800 POST OAK BLVD SUITE 5450 HOUSTON, X1 77056-6127	X		Chairman, President and CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Daniel F.
McNease

11/23/2004

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Reflects the Reporting Person's aggregated directly-owned and indirectly-owned shares (8,488), the latter being shares in the Rowan Common Stock Fund under the Company's 401(k) plan (a unitized plan) at October 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) On November 22, 2004, the Reporting person converted \$550,000 principal amount of Series III floating Rate Convertible Subordinated Debenture due 2004 (the "Debenture") into 550 shares of Series III Preferred Stock (the "Preferred Stock") at a conversion price of \$1,000 per share of Preferred Stock, which Preferred Stock was then converted into 81,482 shares of Common Stock at a conversion ratio equal to the \$550,000 principal amount of Debenture divided by the per share conversion price shown in column 2, or \$6.75. Column 9 reflects that this debenture has been fully converted.

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