

RIVERSTONE NETWORKS INC  
 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 \*  
**MESEL NOAH D**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**RIVERSTONE NETWORKS INC  
 [RSTN.PK]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**5200 GREAT AMERICA  
 PARKWAY**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/25/2005**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Sr. VP, General Counsel**

(Street)  
**SANTA CLARA, CA 95054**

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

(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 or Price		
Common Stock	03/25/2005			A	200,000 (1)	A	\$ 0 200,000 (2) 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)**

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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 Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MESEL NOAH D 5200 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY SANTA CLARA, CA 95054			Sr. VP, General Counsel	

## Signatures

/s/ NOAH  
MESEL 03/25/2005  
 \*\*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).
- The shares will be issued to the reporting person as they vest incrementally over the period of service with the issuer in accordance with the following schedule: (i) twenty-five (25%) percent of the shares will vest and be issued upon his continuation in service through September 25, 2005; (ii) additional twenty-five (25%) percent of the shares will vest and be issued upon his continuation in service through March 25, 2006; (iii) additional twenty-five (25%) percent of the shares will vest and be issued upon his continuation in service through September 25, 2006 and (iv) twenty-five (25%) percent of the shares will vest and be issued upon his continuation in service through March 25, 2007. However, the shares will be subject to accelerated vesting and issuance upon certain changes in control or ownership of the issuer.
- (2) Includes 200,000 shares issued to the reporting person and shall vest as reported above.

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