**BUVENS JOHN L** Form 4

## FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

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(Print or Type Responses)

**BUVENS JOHN L** 

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

1(b).

			ROWAN COMPANIES INC [RDC]				[RDC]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last) 2800 POST 5450	(First) OAK BLVD,	(Middle) SUITE		Day/Year)				Director 10% Owner Security below) Executive V.P Legal			
HOUSTON	(Street)			endment, Date Original nth/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned							y Owned			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction I (Month/Day/Ye	ar) Executio	ned n Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi or(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	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)	
Common Stock	04/11/2011			A	9,045 (1)	A	\$ 42.805 (2)	93,273 (3)	D		
Common Stock	04/11/2011			F	2,471 (4)	D	\$ 42.805 (2)	90,802 (3)	D		
Common Stock	04/11/2011			F	585 (4)	D	\$ 42.805 (2)	90,217 (5)	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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired		ate	Amou Under Secur	rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo
					(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number		Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BUVENS JOHN L 2800 POST OAK BLVD SUITE 5450 HOUSTON, TX 77056

Executive V.P. - Legal

#### **Signatures**

/s/ Melanie M. Trent, attorney-in-fact

04/12/2011

\*\*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) The company's Compensation Committee awarded these shares to the reporting person in settlement of perfomance shares granted in April 2008.
- (2) The sales price is the average stock price on April 8, 2011.
- (3) Includes 39,685 shares of restricted stock held by the reporting person.
- (4) These shares were sold to the company in payment of a tax liability due to the settlement of the April 2008 performance share award and the vesting of an April 2008 restricted stock award.
- (5) Includes 37,473 shares of restricted stock held by the reporting person.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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