ROWAN COMPANIES INC Form SC 13G May 10, 2004

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No.) *

Rowan Companies, Incorporated (Name of Issuer)

Common Stock (Title of Class of Securities)

779382100 (CUSIP Number)

April 30, 2004 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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- tem 1(a) Name of Issuer:
 Rowan Companies, Incorporated
- tem 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: 2800 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 5450 Houston, TX 77056-6127
- tem 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none,
 Residence:
 333 South Hope Street
 Los Angeles, CA 90071
- tem 2(c) Citizenship: N/A
- tem 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:
 Common Stock
- tem 2(e) CUSIP Number: 779382100
- tem 3 If this statement is filed pursuant to sections 240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:
 - (d) [X] Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).
 - (e) [X] An investment adviser in accordance with section 240.13d-1 (b) (1) (ii) (E).
- tem 4 Ownership

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

See pages 2 and 3

- (a) Amount beneficially owned:
- (b) Percent of class:
- (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:
- (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:
- (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

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Capital Research and Management Company, an investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 is deemed to be the beneficial owner of 11,495,600 shares or 10.9% of the 105,724,000 shares of Common Stock believed to be outstanding as a result of acting as investment adviser to various investment companies registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940.

The Growth Fund of America, Inc., an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, which is advised by Capital Research and Management Company, is the beneficial owner of 6,450,000 shares or 6.1% of the 105,724,000 shares of Common Stock believed to be outstanding.

- tem 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class. If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following: []
- tem 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person: N/A
- tem 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.: N/A
- tem 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group: $\ensuremath{\text{N/A}}$
- tem 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group: N/A
- tem 10 Certification

By signing below, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: May 10, 2004

Signature: *Paul G. Haaga, Jr.

Name/Title: Paul G. Haaga, Jr., Executive Vice

President

Capital Research and Management Company

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Date: May 10, 2004

Signature: *Paul G. Haaga, Jr.

Name/Title: Paul G. Haaga, Jr., Senior Vice President

The Growth Fund of America, Inc.

*By /s/ James P. Ryan James P. Ryan Attorney-in-fact

Signed pursuant to a Power of Attorney dated January 14, 2004 included as an Exhibit to Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by Capital Research and Management Company on February 6, 2004 with respect to Air Products and Chemicals, Incorporated.

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AGREEMENT

Los Angeles, CA May 10, 2004

Capital Research and Management Company ("CRMC") and The Growth Fund f America, Inc. ("GFA") hereby agree to file a joint statement on chedule 13G under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") in onnection with their beneficial ownership of Common Stock issued by owan Companies, Incorporated.

CRMC and GFA state that they are each entitled to individually use chedule 13G pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c) of the Act.

CRMC and GFA are each responsible for the timely filing of the tatement and any amendments thereto, and for the completeness and ccuracy of the information concerning each of them contained therein ut are not responsible for the completeness or accuracy of the nformation concerning the others.

CAPITAL RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT COMPANY

BY: *Paul G. Haaga, Jr.

Paul G. Haaga, Jr., Executive

Vice President

Capital Research and Management

Company

THE GROWTH FUND OF AMERICA, INC.

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