

WELLS WILLIAM H  
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**FORM 4**

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

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
WELLS WILLIAM H

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
2800 POST OAK BLVD., SUITE 5450  
(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77056-6127

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ROWAN COMPANIES INC [RDC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/24/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
V. P. -Finance and Treasurer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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                    | 08/24/2005                           |  | M                              |   | 5,000   | A  | \$ 19.625   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 21,399  | (1)  | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/24/2005                           |  | M                              |   | 3,000   | A  | \$ 22   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 24,399  | (1)  | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/24/2005                           |  | M                              |   | 5,025   | A  | \$ 6.19   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 29,424  | (1)  | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/24/2005                           |  | S                              |   | 12,000  | D  | \$ 35.2205  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 17,424  | (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 (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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)  | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title Amount or Number of Shares                              |
| Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(2)</sup>       | \$ 19.625  | 08/24/2005                           |  | M                              | 5,000  | 04/25/1998 <sup>(2)</sup> 04/25/2007                     | Common Stock 5,000  |
| Option (Right to Buy)                      | \$ 22  | 08/24/2005                           |  | M                              | 3,000  | 04/26/2002 <sup>(3)</sup> 04/26/2011                     | Common Stock 3,000  |
| Option (Right to Buy)                      | \$ 6.19  | 08/24/2005                           |  | M                              | 5,025  | 04/25/2004 <sup>(4)</sup> 04/25/2013                     | Common Stock 5,025  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                              |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                      | Other |
| WELLS WILLIAM H<br>2800 POST OAK BLVD.<br>SUITE 5450<br>HOUSTON, TX 77056-6127 |               |           | V. P. -Finance and Treasurer |       |

## Signatures

/s/ William H. Wells 08/26/2005

\*\*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).

- Reflects the Reporting Person's aggregated directly-owned and indirectly-owned shares (6,374), the latter being shares in the Rowan Common Stock Fund under the Company's 401(k) plan (a unitized plan) at July 31, 2005, 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.
- (1) This option vests in four installments on April 25, 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001.
  - (2) This option vests in four installments on April 26, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005.
  - (3) This option vests in four installments on April 25, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007.

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