KELLER MARK A Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations may continue.

See Instruction

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

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading KELLER MARK A Issuer Symbol ROWAN COMPANIES INC [RDC] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 2800 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 04/28/2006 below) below) 5450 Senior Vice Pres. - Marketing (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting HOUSTON, TX 77056 Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price 2,889 Common 04/28/2006 A \$0 $36,297 \stackrel{(2)}{=}$ D (1) Stock

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Number of Shares
Employee stock option (right to buy)	\$ 43.85	04/28/2006		A	6,372	04/28/2007(3)	04/28/2016	Common Stock	6,372

Reporting Owners

	Relationships		
Reporting Owner Name / Address	•		

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KELLER MARK A 2800 POST OAK BLVD SUITE 5450 HOUSTON, TX 77056

Senior Vice Pres. - Marketing

Signatures

/s/ Mark A.
Keller

**Signature of Date

Reporting Person

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) Reflects an award of restricted stock to the reporting person that vests in three equal annual installments beginning April 28, 2007.
- (2) Includes 6,800 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person in 2005. Such award vests in four equal annual installments beginning May 17, 2006. Also includes 4,108 shares held in the reporting person's 401(k) account as of March 31, 2006.
- (3) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on April 28, 2007.

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