FOX WILLIAM T III

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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * FOX WILLIAM T III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

ROWAN COMPANIES INC [RDC]

(Check all applicable)

(First)

(Street)

(Month/Day/Year) 04/29/2010

_X__ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

2800 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE

(Middle)

below)

5450

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

HOUSTON, TX 77056

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

7. Nature of 6. Ownership Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

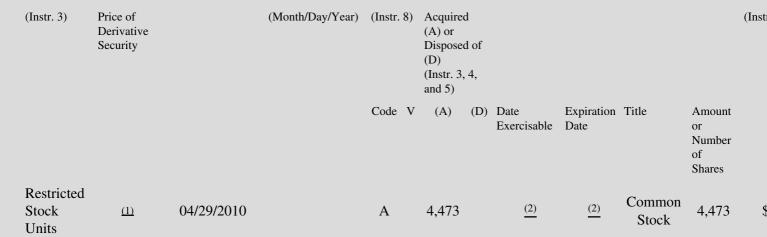
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Pr Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date **Underlying Securities** Deri Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Secu

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FOX WILLIAM T III				
2800 POST OAK BLVD	X			
SUITE 5450				
HOUSTON, TX 77056				

Signatures

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

05/03/2010

**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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Rowan Companies, Inc. common stock.
- The units vest on the earlier of April 29, 2011 or the date of the next annual meeting of stockholders. Vested shares (including any dividends) will be delivered to the reporting person after the final termination date of the reporting person's service on the Board of Directors. At the election of the Compensation Committee, such payout may be made in cash or shares.

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