

Hatfield Gregory Michael
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Hatfield Gregory Michael

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

HOUSTON, TX 77056

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/08/2011

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)
 Vice President & Controller

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
Common Stock	09/08/2011		M	V	1,999	A	\$ 13.12	47,623 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	09/08/2011		S		1,245	D	\$ 36.03	46,378 ⁽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 Acquired (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)
Employee stock option (right to buy)	\$ 13.12	09/08/2011		M	1,999	09/20/2001 ⁽²⁾ 09/20/2011	Common Stock 1,999

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hatfield Gregory Michael 2800 POST OAK BLVD SUITE 5450 HOUSTON, TX 77056			Vice President & Controller	

Signatures

/s/ Melanie M. Trent,
Attorney-in-Fact
Date: 09/08/2011

**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) Includes 2,315 shares held in the reporting person's 401K account as of August 31, 2011 and 15,419 shares of restricted stock.
- (2) This option vested in four equal installments on September 20, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005.

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