

HICKEY PHILIP J JR
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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 *
HICKEY PHILIP J JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
RARE HOSPITALITY INTERNATIONAL INC [RARE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
8215 ROSWELL ROAD, BUILDING 600
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/10/2004

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
CEO and Chairman of the Board

ATLANTA, GA 30350

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 12/10/2004 | | M | | 30,000 | A | \$ 13.1667 |
| Common Stock | | | | | 83,738 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 15,750 | I | By trust for Hilary Hickey |
| Common Stock | | | | | 15,750 | I | By trust for McGrady Hickey |

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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 13.1667 | 12/10/2004 | | M | 30,000 | 12/31/2000 ⁽¹⁾ 06/28/2010 | Common Stock | 30,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HICKEY PHILIP J JR 8215 ROSWELL ROAD BUILDING 600 ATLANTA, GA 30350 | X | | CEO and Chairman of the Board | |

Signatures

Philip J. Hickey, Jr., by Joia M. Johnson,
Attorney-in-Fact 12/14/2004

__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) 2001; 7,593 options vested and became exercisable on December 31, 2000; 7,594 options vested and became exercisable on December 31, 2002; 7,594 options vested and became exercisable on December 31, 2003; and 7,594 options will vest and become exercisable on December 31, 2004.

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