

WELLS WILLIAM H
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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(Print or Type Responses)

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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2800 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 5450

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/17/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SVP & CFO

HOUSTON, TX 77056

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	05/17/2010		A		3,331 (1)	A	\$ 0
							75,473 (2)
Common Stock	05/17/2010		F		881 (3)	D	\$ 25.58
							74,592 (2)
							(4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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