RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORP

Form 4 March 31, 2006

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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obligations

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * JOHNSON RONALD P (Last) (First) (Middle) 2818 UTICA CIRCLE			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORP [RIV] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2006						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Exec Vice President				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Nor	ı-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	Pransaction Date 2A. Deemed onth/Day/Year) Execution D any (Month/Day.		Code (Instr. 8		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)			
Common Stock Par							()	¢.					
Value \$.001 per share	03/31/2006			S		3,000	D	\$ 16.99	370,311	D			

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

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transacti	5. onNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Title Amount		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month Day/Tear)	(Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of	(Month/Day/Year)		Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	ring es	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N	Number		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

JOHNSON RONALD P 2818 UTICA CIRCLE LAS VEGAS, NV 89146

Exec Vice President

Signatures

Ronald P.

Johnson 03/31/2006

**Signature of Person

**Bignature of 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).

Remarks:

The reported transactions are pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan established on November 15, 2005. All previously filed Forms 4 between December 28, 2005 and the current date were pursuant to that trading plan.

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