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FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| | ss of Reporting Persor JAM M RUST | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>RUSH ENTERPRISES INC \TX\</u> [RUSH] | | ionship of Reporting Perso all applicable) Director | n(s) to Issuer 10% Owner |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|--|-------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| (Last) 555 IH 35 SOU ⁷ | (First) TH, SUITE 500 | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/10/2011 | X | Officer (give title below) CEO and Presi | Other (specify below) dent |
| (Street) NEW BRAUNFELS | тх | 78130 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indivi Line) X | dual or Joint/Group Filing (Form filed by One Report Form filed by More than (| ing Person |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | Person | |

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) | Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|--|--------|---------------|---------|---|---|---|
| | | | | | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/10/2011 | | М | | 14,201 | Α | \$1.375 | 57,262 | D | |
| Class B Common Stock | 03/10/2011 | | М | | 14,201 | A | \$1.375 | 17,262 | D | |

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. Transa Code (8) | | Derivative | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------|---|----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | (Instr. 4) | | |
| Option (right to buy) | \$1.375 ⁽¹⁾ | 03/10/2011 | | М | | | 14,201 ⁽¹⁾ | (3) | 03/15/2011 | Class A Common Stock | 14,201(1) | \$0 | 0 | D | |
| Option (right to buy) | \$1.375 ⁽²⁾ | 03/10/2011 | | м | | | 14,201 ⁽²⁾ | (3) | 03/15/2011 | Class B Common Stock | 14 ,201 ⁽²⁾ | \$0 | 0 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. This option was previously reported as covering 9,467 shares at an exercise price of \$2.0625 per share but was adjusted as a result of the 3-for-2 stock split of Rush Enterprises, Inc.'s Common Stock on October 10, 2007.

2. This option was previously reported as covering 9,467 shares at an exercise price of \$2.0625 per share but was adjusted as a result of the 3-for-2 stock split of Rush Enterprises, Inc.'s Common Stock on October 10, 2007.

3. One-third of the total options granted vested on each of the third, fourth and fifth anniversaries of the grant date, which was ten years before the expiration date.

| Steven L. Keller, Attorney in | |
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| Fact for William M. Rusty Rush | 1 |

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

03/11/2011

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

* 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).

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