

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Thor James E</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 555 IH 35 SOUTH, SUITE 500  (Street) NEW BRAUNFELS TX 78130  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>RUSH ENTERPRISES INC \TX\ [ RUSH ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Senior Vice President</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/27/2011	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 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)	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			
Class A Common Stock	10/27/2011		M		7,226	A	\$8.4	21,421 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/27/2011		S		7,226	A	\$20.1073 <sup>(5)</sup>	14,195 <sup>(1)</sup>	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. 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 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) (Instr. 4)	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
Option to buy	\$8.4 <sup>(3)</sup>	10/27/2011		M			7,226 <sup>(3)</sup>	(4)	06/14/2014	Class A Common Stock	7,226	\$0	7,774	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Includes unvested restricted stock units.
- Includes 74 shares acquired on July 6, 2011, under the Rush Enterprises, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- This option was previously reported as covering 10,000 shares at an exercise price of \$12.60 per share but was adjusted as a result of the 3-for-2 stock split of Common Stock of Rush Enterprises, Inc. on October 10, 2007.
- Option vested in increments of 1/3 on each anniversary of the grant date beginning on the third anniversary of the grant date. Grant date is 10 years prior to expiration date.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$20.10 to \$20.133, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Rush Enterprises, Inc., any security holder of Rush Enterprises, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote (5).

Steven L. Keller, Attorney in 10/31/2011  
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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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