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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>ORF DAVID C</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>555 IH 35 SOUTH, SUITE 500</u> (Street) <u>NEW BRAUNFELS TX 78130</u> (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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Senior Vice President</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/15/2013</u> | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |

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) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Class B Common Stock | 03/15/2013 | | A | | 8,580 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$0 | 8,580 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/15/2013 | | F | | 782 | D | \$25.7 | 22,370 ⁽²⁾ | 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) | |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Option (right to buy) | \$25.7 | 03/15/2013 | | A | | 10,725 | | (3) | 03/15/2023 | Class A Common Stock | 10,725 | \$0 | 10,725 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- Reflects the grant of restricted stock units (RSUs) that will entitle the Reporting Person to receive one share of the Company's Class B common stock for each RSU that vests. The RSUs vest in increments of 1/3 on each of the first, second, and third anniversary of the grant date, which was March 15, 2013.
- Includes unvested restricted stock units in addition to 345 shares acquired on July 6, 2012, under the Rush Enterprises, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP") and 337 shares acquired on January 10, 2013, under the ESPP.
- Options may be exercised in increments of 1/3 on each anniversary of the grant date beginning on the third anniversary of the grant date. Grant date is ten years prior to the expiration date.

Steven L. Keller, Attorney-in-Fact for David C. Orf 03/19/2013

** 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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