

RYDER SYSTEM INC

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FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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SIC Code	7510 - Automotive Rental And Leasing, Without Drivers
Industry	Rental & Leasing
Sector	Services
Fiscal Year	12/31

FORM 4

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public
Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the
Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
O MEARA VICKI A			RYDER SYSTEM INC [R]			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) EVP & Chief of Corp Operations		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)					
3600 N.W. 82ND AVENUE			10/8/2004					
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
MIAMI, FL 33166						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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			
Common Stock	10/8/2004		A		10000 (1)	A	\$0.00	18923 (2)	D	
Common Stock								9744	I	By Ryder Deferred Compensation Plan

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		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 of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					Title
Stock option (right to buy)	\$48.54	10/8/2004		A		15000		(3)	10/8/2011	Common Stock	15000	\$0.00	15000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Represents shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person by the Company. The restricted stock vests in three equal installments on October 8, 2005, October 8, 2006 and October 8, 2007.
- (2) Includes 19 shares of common stock acquired by the reporting person under the Company's dividend reinvestment plan since August 18, 2004, the date of the reporting person's last Section 16 filing.
- (3) The stock options vest in three equal installments on October 8, 2005, October 8, 2006 and October 8, 2007.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
O MEARA VICKI A				

3600 N.W. 82ND AVENUE
MIAMI, FL 33166

EVP & Chief of Corp Operations

Signatures

/s/ Flora R. Perez by power of attorney

10/12/2004

** 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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