RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORP

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value \$.001 per share

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading JOHNSON RONALD P Issuer Symbol RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORP [RIV] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 2818 UTICA CIRCLE 04/03/2006 below) below) Exec Vice President (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting LAS VEGAS, NV 89146 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) any Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common stock par 04/03/2006 S 3.000 367,311 D

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

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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 04/03/2006

**Signature of Date
Reporting 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 10, 2005. All previously filed Forms 4 between

November 10, 2005 and the current date were pursuant to that trading plan.

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