

JOHNSON RONALD P
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
JOHNSON RONALD P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORP [RIV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

Exec Vice President Gaming

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2818 UTICA CIRCLE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/28/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(Street)
LAS VEGAS, NV 89146

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Riviera Common Stock, par value \$.001 per share	12/28/2005		S		9,000	D	\$ 15.65
					388,311		
Riviera Common Stock, par value \$.001 per share	12/28/2005		S		3,000	D	\$ 15.74
					385,311		
Riviera Common	12/28/2005		S		3,000	D	\$ 15.99
					382,311		

Stock, par value \$.001 per share

Riviera Common

Stock, par value \$.001 per share	12/28/2005	S	3,000	D	\$ 16.24	379,311	D
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Riviera Common

Stock, par value \$.001 per share	12/28/2005	S	3,000	D	\$ 16.49	376,311	D
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Riviera Common

Stock, par value \$.001 per share	12/28/2005	S	3,000	D	\$ 16.74	373,311	D
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 6)
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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 Gaming

Signatures

Ronald P.

Johnson

12/28/2005

 Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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