

RENT A CENTER INC DE  
Form 4  
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**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(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SPEESE MARK E

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
5700 TENNYSON  
PARKWAY, SUITE 100  
(Street)

PLANO, TX 75024

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
RENT A CENTER INC DE [RCII]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/02/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |     |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-----|-------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Code  | V  | Amount  | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|
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| (Instr. 3)                           | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | Code                      | V          | (A)    | (D)    | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------------------|---------------------------|------------|--------|--------|------------------|-----------------|-------|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 29.29                     | 10/02/2006       | 10/02/2006 | A  | 70,000           | 10/02/2006 <sup>(1)</sup> | 10/02/2016 | common | 70,000 |                  |                 |       |                            |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                  |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer          | Other |
| SPEESE MARK E<br>5700 TENNYSON PARKWAY<br>SUITE 100<br>PLANO, TX 75024 | X             |           | Chairman and CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Mark E. Speese  
10/02/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

## 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).
- (1) No shares of common stock acquired upon the exercise of this option may be sold, assigned, transferred, pledged, hedged, hypothecated, encumbered or otherwise disposed of until the earliest of (1) December 31, 2009, (2) the termination of the reporting person's employment by the issuer without "cause" or by the reporting person for "good reason" (as such terms are defined in the Employment Agreement between the issuer and the reporting person dated October 2, 2006 (the "Employment Agreement")), (3) the day preceding the consummation of a "change in control" (as defined in the Employment Agreement), (4) the date the reporting person's employment is terminated due to "disability" (as defined in the Employment Agreement), and (5) the date of the reporting person's death.

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