Instruction 1(b).

FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  SPESE MARK E						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RENT A CENTER INC DE [ RCII ]							(Ch	Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 5501 HEADQUARTERS DRIVE				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/31/2013								X Officer below)	(give title	the Bro	Other (spelow)				
(Street) PLANO	T	TX 75024			4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								e) <mark>X</mark> Form fi Form fi	Form filed by More than One Reporting				
(City)	(S		(Zip)												Person				
Table I - Non-Deriv  1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transar Date (Month/Da				saction	Execution Date,			3. 4. Securiting Disposed Code (Instr.			f, or Ber es Acquired Of (D) (Instr.	(A) or	5. Amou Securitie Beneficie Owned F	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following		Direct I Indirect E tr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				Instr. 4)	
Common	Common			01/31/2013		3			A		15,876 <sup>(1</sup>	.) <b>A</b>	\$0.00	00 1,07	1,073,914		D		
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					Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisa	ble	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$34.77	01/31/2013			A		69,560		01/31/20	14 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/31/2023	Common	69,560	\$0.0000	69,56	0	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Represents restricted stock units which vest upon completion of three years of continuous employment with the issuer from January 31, 2013.
- 2. Options vest ratably over 4 years beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant and becoming fully exercisable on the 4th anniversary of the date of grant (25% of the total number of shares granted vesting on each such anniversary date). Options expire 10 years from the date of grant.

/s/ Mark E. Speese

02/0<u>4/2013</u>

\*\* 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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