

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>SPEESE MARK E</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 5501 HEADQUARTERS DRIVE (Street) PLANO TX 75024 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>RENT A CENTER INC DE [RCI]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chairman of the Brd & CEO
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/24/2011	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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 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	02/24/2011		M		164,437	A	\$10.396	1,107,927	D	
Common	02/24/2011		S		164,437	D	\$32.1465	943,490	D	
Common	02/25/2011		M		335,563	A	\$10.396	1,279,053	D	
Common	02/25/2011		S		335,563	D	\$32.1549	943,490	D	
Common								57,188 ⁽¹⁾	I	By children's trust
Common								500,000	I	by GRAT
Common								200,000	I	By Spouse

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 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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$10.396	02/24/2011		M		164,437		(2)	(3)	Common	164,437	\$0.0000	335,563	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$10.396	02/25/2011		M		335,563		(2)	(3)	Common	335,563	\$0.0000	0.0000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Shares held by the Andrew Michael Speese 2000 Remainder Trust and the Allison Rebecca Speese 2000 Remainder Trust. Stephen F. Elken, as trustee of the foregoing trusts, has sole voting and investment power over these shares. Since the insider's last report, the 28,594 shares held by the Jessica Elizabeth Speese 2000 Remainder Trust, of which Stephen F. Elken was the trustee with sole voting and investment power, were distributed upon the termination of such trust to its beneficiary, Jessica Elizabeth Speese.
- 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.
- Option expiration date is November 9, 2011.

/s/ Mark E. Speese

02/28/2011

** 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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