

WAITES BENJAMIN A
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FORM 4

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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 *
WAITES BENJAMIN A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
RARE HOSPITALITY INTERNATIONAL INC [RARE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
8215 ROSWELL ROAD, BUILDING 600
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/13/2007

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

ATLANTA, GA 30350

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/13/2007 | | A | 1,254 A \$ 0 | 8,613 | D | |

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)

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| 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 31.88 | 02/13/2007 | | A | 3,150 | 02/13/2010 ⁽¹⁾ 02/13/2017 | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 31.88 | 02/13/2007 | | A | 5,077 | 02/13/2008 ⁽²⁾ 02/13/2017 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WAITES BENJAMIN A 8215 ROSWELL ROAD BUILDING 600 ATLANTA, GA 30350 | | | Chief Accounting Officer | |

Signatures

Benjamin A. Waites, by W. Douglas Benn,
Attorney-In-Fact 02/15/2007

**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) Grant to reporting person of option to purchase shares under the RARE Hospitality International, Inc. Amended and Restated 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The options vest with respect to 3,150 shares on February 13, 2010.
- (2) Grant to reporting person of option to purchase shares under the RARE Hospitality International, Inc. Amended and Restated 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The options vest with respect to 2,056 shares on February 13, 2008; 2,057 shares on February 13, 2009; and 964 shares on February 13, 2010.

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