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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Tennis William J Issuer Symbol DiamondRock Hospitality Co [DRH] (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director

(Check all applicable)

C/O DIAMONDROCK HOSPITALITY COMPANY, 3 BETHESDA METRO CENTER, **SUITE 1500**

(Street)

10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 04/04/2012 below) EVP and General Counsel

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

BETHESDA, MD 20814

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

(State)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported

D

(A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Price Code V Amount (D)

Common

(City)

stock, par 04/04/2012 value \$0.01

119 (1) A \$0 A 101,770

per share

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. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | ate | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price Derivat Securit (Instr. \$ |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---------------------|--------------------|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Market stock units (2) | \$ 0 | 04/04/2012 | | A | 0 (3) | <u>(4)</u> | 02/27/2013 | Common stock | 151.5 (5) | \$ 0 |
| Market stock units (2) | \$ 0 | 04/04/2012 | | A | 0 (3) | <u>(4)</u> | 02/27/2014 | Common stock | 111 (5) | \$ 0 |
| Market stock units (2) | \$ 0 | 04/04/2012 | | A | 0 (3) | <u>(4)</u> | 02/27/2015 | Common | 130.5 (5) | \$ 0 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| Tennis William J C/O DIAMONDROCK HOSPITALITY COMPANY 3 BETHESDA METRO CENTER, SUITE 1500 BETHESDA, MD 20814 | | | EVP and General Counsel | | | |

Signatures

/s/ William J.

Tennis 04/05/2012

**Signature of Person

Date

Reporting Person

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) Additional restricted shares awarded in connection with the reinvestment of a dividend as required by the terms of the restricted stock award.

Reporting Owners 2

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- This Form 4 report relates to dividends issued on shares of common stock underlying previously issued Market Stock Units. Market

 Stock Units represent the right to receive shares of common stock, subject to the achievement of certain performance conditions. Market Stock Units vest 3 years after issuance and are converted into a number of shares of common stock depending on total shareholder return over the vesting period.
- (3) No additional Market Stock Units were granted. This Form 4 reports the dividends related to the underlying common stock on Market Stock Units previously issued.
- (4) The Market Stock Units vest 3 years from the date of issue and convert into a certain number of shares of common stock as discussed in Footnote 2.
- (5) Represents the maximum number of shares that may be issued with respect to the dividends paid.
- (6) Represents the maximum total number of shares that may be issued with respect to the aggregate number of Market Stock Units issued. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.