

SORSBY J LARRY  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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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 \*  
SORSBY J LARRY

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES INC  
[HOV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
10 HIGHWAY 35  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/01/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Exec. VP and CFO

RED BANK, NJ 07701

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 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 (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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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)							
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	01/01/2006	D			3,694	(2)	(3)	Class A Common Stock	3,694	
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	01/01/2006	D			5,694	(6)	(7)	Class A Common Stock	5,694	
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	01/01/2006	A			9,388	(9)	(9)	Class A Common Stock	9,388	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SORSBY J LARRY 10 HIGHWAY 35 RED BANK, NJ 07701	X		Exec. VP and CFO	

## Signatures

Nancy A. Marrazzo,  
Attorney-in-Fact

01/04/2006

\_\_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) 1-for-1
- (2) Original grant vests in 25% increments beginning on November 1, 2000
- (3) Distribution must be made as soon as practicable after vesting unless the reporting person has previously elected to defer such distributions
- (4) Not applicable
- (5) On March 19, 2004, the common stock of Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. split 2-for-1, resulting in 7,388 additional Phantom Stock Units held by the reporting person
- (6) Original grant vests in 25% increments beginning on November 1, 2001
- (7) Payout to be made on January 1, 2006 or upon the occurrence of certain other events set forth under the terms of Deferred Compensation Plan
- (8)

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On March 19, 2004, the common stock of Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. split 2-for-1, resulting in 11,386 additional Phantom Stock Units held by the reporting person

- (9) Payout to be made on January 1, 2009 or upon the occurrence of certain other events set forth under the terms of Deferred Compensation Plan

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