

JOHNSON RONALD P

Form 4

December 28, 2005

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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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
JOHNSON RONALD P

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2818 UTICA CIRCLE

(Street)

LAS VEGAS, NV 89146

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORP [RIV]

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

12/28/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

Exec Vice President Gaming

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Riviera Common Stock, par value \$.001 per share	12/28/2005		S	9,000 D	\$ 15.65 388,311	D	
Riviera Common Stock, par value \$.001 per share	12/28/2005		S	3,000 D	\$ 15.74 385,311	D	
Riviera Common	12/28/2005		S	3,000 D	\$ 15.99 382,311	D	

Stock, par
value \$.001
per share

Riviera
Common

Stock, par value \$.001 per share	12/28/2005	S	3,000	D	\$ 16.24	379,311	D
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Riviera
Common

Stock, par value \$.001 per share	12/28/2005	S	3,000	D	\$ 16.49	376,311	D
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Riviera
Common

Stock, par value \$.001 per share	12/28/2005	S	3,000	D	\$ 16.74	373,311	D
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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. 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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2818 UTICA CIRCLE
LAS VEGAS, NV 89146

Exec Vice President Gaming

Signatures

Ronald P.

Johnson

12/28/2005

 Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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