FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  ROBBINS JOHN J  (Last) (First) (Middle)  110 WEST FRONT STREET					3. D	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES INC [ HOV ]  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/09/2009										(Check all apply X Direct		olicable) etor er (give title		Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify below)	
(Street) RED BANK NJ 07701  (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										6. Indiv Line) X	•				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						ay/Year) if		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)				Disposed	rities Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3,			4 and Secur Benef		rities ficially ed Following		Ownership rm: Direct or Indirect (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
									Cod	e V		Amount		(A) or (D)	Pric	Trans		action(s) . 3 and 4)			(1130.4)
Class A Common Stock 01/09/												12,820	0	A	\$ <mark>0</mark>		31,761			D	
Class A Common Stock																	4,685			I	Held 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)	ive Conversion Date Execution Date, or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any			4. Transa Code ( 8)		n of Der Sec (A) Dis of (	posed D) str. 3, 4 I 5)	Expira (Month	S. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiratio Date			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amoun or Numbe of Title Shares			nt er				10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	

**Explanation of Responses:** 

Remarks:

Nancy A. Marrazzo Attorney-

01/12/2009

in-Fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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