FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SORSBY J LARRY				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES INC [HOV]								Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner						
(Last) (First) (Middle) 110 WEST FRONT STREET				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2007							X	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Exec. VP and CFO						
(Street) RED BANK NJ 07701				4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							Line)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)	(5	State)																
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date					uired, Disposed of, or Benefici 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Acquired (A) o Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a			A) or	5. Amount of 6 Securities Feneficially (I Owned Following (I			Direct II	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership					
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	erivative Conversion Date curity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year)		3A. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Ye	e, Trans	4. Transaction Code (Instr.		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Options, convertib 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	e V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa	able	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Reported Transacti (Instr. 4)				
Phantom Stock Units 1999	\$0 ⁽¹⁾	01/01/2007		D			3,694	(2)		(3)	Class A Common Stock	3,694	\$0 ⁽⁴⁾	7,388		D		
Phantom Stock Units 2000	\$0 ⁽¹⁾	01/01/2007		D			5,690	(5)		(3)	Class A Common Stock	5,690	\$0 ⁽⁴⁾	11,388		D		
Phantom Stock Units 2000	\$0 ⁽¹⁾	01/01/2007		D			5,694	(5)		(3)	Class A Common Stock	5,694	\$0 ⁽⁴⁾	5,694		D		
Phantom Stock Units 2001	\$0 ⁽¹⁾	01/01/2007		D			8,770 ⁽⁶⁾	(7)		(3)	Class A Common Stock	8,770	\$0 ⁽⁴⁾	26,308		D		
Phantom Stock Units 2001	\$0 ⁽¹⁾	01/01/2007		D			8,770	(7)		(3)	Class A Common Stock	8,770	\$0 ⁽⁴⁾	17,538		D		
Phantom Stock Units 2002	\$0 ⁽¹⁾	01/01/2007		D			7,246 ⁽⁸⁾	(9)		(3)	Class A Common Stock	7,246	\$0 ⁽⁴⁾	21,732		D		
Phantom Stock Units 2002	\$0 ⁽¹⁾	01/01/2007		D			7,246	(9)		(3)	Class A Common Stock	7,246	\$0 ⁽⁴⁾	14,486		D		
Phantom Stock Units 2003	\$0 ⁽¹⁾	01/01/2007		D			5,700 ⁽¹⁰⁾	(11)		(3)	Class A Common Stock	5,700	\$0 ⁽⁴⁾	17,09	8	D		
Phantom Stock Units Payout 2010	\$0 ⁽¹⁾	01/01/2007		A		25,404		(12)		(12)	Class A Common Stock	25,404	\$0 ⁽⁴⁾	25,404		D		
Phantom Stock Units	\$0 ⁽¹⁾	01/01/2007		A		27,406		(13)		(13)	Class A Common	27,406	\$0 ⁽⁴⁾	27,40	6	D		

Explanation of Responses:

2013

- 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. N/A
- 5. Original grant vests in 25% increments beginning on November 1, 2001

- 6. On March 19, 2004 the common stock of Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. split 2-for-1, resulting 17,539 additional Phantom Stock Units held by the reporting person
- 7. Original grant vests in 25% increments beginning on November 1, 2002 $\,$
- 8. On March 19, 2004 the common stock of Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. split 2-for-1, resulting 14,489 additional Phantom Stock Units held by the reporting person
- 9. Original grant vests in 25% increments beginning on November 1, 2003
- 10. On March 19, 2004 the common stock of Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. split 2-for-1, resulting 11,399 additional Phantom Stock Units held by the reporting person
- 11. Original grant vests in 25% increments beginning on November 1, 2004
- 12. Payout to be made on January 1, 2010 or upon the occurrence of certain other events set forth under the terms of Deferred Compensation Plan
- 13. Payout to be made on January 1, 2013 or upon the occurrence of certain other events set forth under the terms of Deferred Compensation Plan

Remarks:

Nancy A. Marazzo Attorney-in-Fact 01/04/2007

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- * 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).

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