

RIVERSTONE NETWORKS INC

Form 4

March 28, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MESEL NOAH D

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
RIVERSTONE NETWORKS INC
[RSTN.PK]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
5200 GREAT AMERICA
PARKWAY

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/25/2005

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Sr. VP, General Counsel

(Street)
SANTA CLARA, CA 95054

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

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) (State) (Zip)

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)
Common Stock	03/25/2005		A	200,000 (1)	\$ 0 200,000 (2)	D	

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)**

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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 Repor 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
MESEL NOAH D 5200 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY SANTA CLARA, CA 95054	Sr. VP, General Counsel

Signatures

/s/ NOAH
MESEL 03/25/2005
 **Signature of 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).
- The shares will be issued to the reporting person as they vest incrementally over the period of service with the issuer in accordance with the following schedule: (i) twenty-five (25%) percent of the shares will vest and be issued upon his continuation in service through September 25, 2005; (ii) additional twenty-five (25%) percent of the shares will vest and be issued upon his continuation in service through March 25, 2006; (iii) additional twenty-five (25%) percent of the shares will vest and be issued upon his continuation in service through September 25, 2006 and (iv) twenty-five (25%) percent of the shares will vest and be issued upon his continuation in service through March 25, 2007. However, the shares will be subject to accelerated vesting and issuance upon certain changes in control or ownership of the issuer.
- (2) Includes 200,000 shares issued to the reporting person and shall vest as reported above.

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