

DEFEO RONALD M
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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 *
DEFEO RONALD M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O UNITED RENTALS,
INC., FIVE GREENWICH OFFICE
PARK

(Street)

GREENWICH, CT 06830

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

UNITED RENTALS INC /DE [URI]

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

01/06/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of 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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction of	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				Securi (Instr.
			Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	01/06/2005	A	1,607		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	1,607	\$ 18 (3)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DEFEO RONALD M
 C/O UNITED RENTALS, INC.
 FIVE GREENWICH OFFICE PARK
 GREENWICH, CT 06830

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Signatures

Ronald M.
 DeFeo 01/07/2005

__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).
- (1) The Phantom Stock Units were acquired under the United Rentals, Inc., Deferred Compensation Plan For Directors and are deemed to be invested in shares of Common Stock.
 - (2) The Common Stock represented by the Phantom Stock Units will be paid to Mr. DeFeo on the first day of the month immediately following termination of his service as a director.
 - (3) Represents amount of deferred fees used to acquire one Phantom Stock Unit.

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