

VANNUCCI ROBERT A
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
VANNUCCI ROBERT A
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORP [RIV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President of ROC

C/O RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORP., 2901 LAS VEGAS BLVD S.
 (Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2009

LAS VEGAS, NV 89109
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
 (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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock par value \$.001 per share ⁽¹⁾	^	^	^	^ ^ ^	195,221	D	^
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(2) Acquired pursuant to Issuer's 1993 Incentive Stock Option Plan.

(3) Adjusted to reflect the 3/11/2005 3-for-1 stock split.

First 25% of the options vest on the date of grant, second 25% of the options vest on the first anniversary of the date of grant, third 25% of the options vest on the second anniversary of the date of grant and the remaining 25% of the options vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

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