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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

A Stephens Zed Eric

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

RENN CAPITAL GROUP,

INC.. 8080 N. CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY, SUITE 210

(Street)

DALLAS, TXÂ 75206

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

08/17/2006

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

RENAISSANCE CAPITAL GROWTH & INCOME FUND III INC [RENN]

4. Relationship of Reporting

Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner

X_ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form:

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect

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

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(I) (Instr. 5)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Title

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security** (Instr. 4)

5. Conversion Ownership or Exercise Form of Price of Derivative Derivative Security:

Security

Direct (D)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

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Date Expiration Amount or or Indirect Exercisable Date Number of (I) Shares (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Stephens Zed Eric

RENN CAPITAL GROUP, INC. 8080 N. CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY, SUITE 210 Â Â Vice President Â

DALLAS, TXÂ 75206

Signatures

Zed Eric 08/18/2006 Stephens

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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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