Eddington Roderick I Form 4 November 12, 2004

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

OMB APPROVAL

OMB 3235-0287 Number:

January 31, Expires: 2005

7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Indirect

Estimated average burden hours per

response... 0.5

if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5

obligations

Check this box

may continue. See Instruction

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(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **Eddington Roderick I**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

NEWS CORP [NWS]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

C/O NEWS AMERICA INCORPORATED, 1211 AVENUE

(Street)

OF THE AMERICAS

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

11/12/2004

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Applicable Line)

NEW YORK, NY 10036

(Instr. 3)

(State) (Zip) (City) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned (Instr. 4) Following

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

or

(A)

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

Persons who respond to the collection of SEC 1474 information contained in this form are not (9-02)required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 1. Title of 5. Number of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Derivative Conversion

Edgar Filing: Eddington Roderick I - Form 4

Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, 5)	(D)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.2 <u>(1)</u>	01/01/1997		A	150,000		(3)	01/01/2007	Class A Common Stock	150,000 (2)
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.58 <u>(4)</u>	08/19/1997		A	196,500 (2)		(3)	08/19/2007	Class A Common Stock	196,500 (2)
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.16 (5)	10/12/1998		A	50,000 (2)		<u>(3)</u>	10/12/2008	Class A Common Stock	50,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.92 (6)	09/06/1999		A	34,000 (2)		<u>(3)</u>	08/06/2009	Class A Common Stock	34,000 (2)
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 35.66 (7)	10/18/2000		A	60,000		(3)	10/18/2010	Class A Common Stock	6,000 (2)
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.54 (8)	10/11/2001		A	60,000		(3)	10/11/2011	Class A Common Stock	60,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.46 (9)	10/09/2002		A	60,000 (2)		(3)	10/09/2012	Class A Common Stock	60,000
Deferred Stock Units	(10)	04/01/2004		A	2,462 (11)		(12)	(12)	Class A Common Stock	2,462 (11)
Deferred Stock Units	(10)	07/01/2004		A	606 (11)		(12)	(12)	Class A Common Stock	606 (11)
Deferred Stock Units	(10)	10/01/2004		A	636 (11)		(12)	(12)	Class A Common Stock	636 (11)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Director 10% Owner Officer Other Eddington Roderick I C/O NEWS AMERICA INCORPORATED 1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS

Signatures

NEW YORK, NY 10036

/s/ Laura O' Leary, Attorney-in-Fact for Roderick I. Eddington

11/12/2004

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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) Reported in Australian dollars. On the grant date, the exercise price would have been US\$8.90 after giving effect to the one for two exchange ratio.
- Received in exchange for options held over The News Corporation Limited's ("TNCL") Preferred Limited Voting Ordinary Shares

 ("Preferred Shares") in connection with TNCL's reorganization to the United States (the "Reorganization"). On 11/12/2004, the effective date of the Reorganization, each outstanding option over TNCL Preferred Shares was cancelled and an option over Class A Common Stock for half the number of underlying TNCL Preferred Shares was issued in exchange therefore.
- (3) The options provide for vesting as to 25% on each anniversary date after the date of the original grant date.
- (4) Reported in Australian dollars. On the grant date, the exercise price would have been US\$7.06 after giving effect to the one for two exchange ratio.
- (5) Reported in Australian dollars. On the grant date, the exercise price would have been US\$10.12 after giving effect to the one for two exchange ratio.
- (6) Reported in Australian dollars. On the grant date, the exercise price would have been US\$13.57 after giving effect to the one for two exchange ratio.
- (7) Reported in Australian dollars. On the grant date, the exercise price would have been US\$18.55 after giving effect to the one for two exchange ratio.
- (8) Reported in Australian dollars. On the grant date, the exercise price would have been US\$11.22 after giving effect to the one for two exchange ratio.
- (9) Reported in Australian dollars. On the grant date, the exercise price would have been US\$8.45 after giving effect to the one for two exchange ratio.
- (10) Each deferred stock unit represents the equivalent of one share of Class A Common Stock.
- Received in exchange for deferred stock units of TNCL Preferred Shares in connection with the Reorganization. On 11/12/2004, the

 (11) effective date of the Reorganization, each deferred stock unit of TNCL Preferred Shares was cancelled and deferred stock units of Class

 A Common Stock for half the number of deferred stock units of TNCL Preferred Shares were issued in exchange therefore.
- (12) The deferred stock units become payable in cash upon the fifth anniversary of the grant date.
- (13) Represents the price of the deferred stock units after giving effect to the one for two exchange ratio.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

Reporting Owners 3