

YELLOW ROADWAY CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 WELCH JAMES L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 YELLOW ROADWAY CORP  
 [YELL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 10990 ROE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 07/13/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Pres. & CEO, Yellow Trans.

OVERLAND PARK, KS 66211  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	07/13/2005		A		2,660 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 53.83
Common Stock					779 <u>(2)</u>	I	Through 401(k) Plan

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 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. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
				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
WELCH JAMES L 10990 ROE OVERLAND PARK, KS 66211			Pres. & CEO, Yellow Trans.	

## Signatures

/s/ James L. Welch 07/15/2005

\*\*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).

The issuer granted the reporting person rights to receive shares of the issuer's common stock, called performance share units, pursuant to the achievement of performance targets under a long-term incentive plan. After expiration of a holding period, the reporting person will receive one share of the issuer's common stock for each vested performance unit. Fifty percent of the performance units vest on the third anniversary of their date of grant, and the remaining 50% vest on the sixth anniversary of their date of grant. The issuer will not deliver any shares with respect to vested units until the earliest of the sixth anniversary from the date of grant, termination of the reporting person's employment with the issuer, retirement at age 65, death, disability or upon certain change of control events in respect of the issuer.

(2) Total number of shares held by the reporting person on a unitized basis as of July 14, 2005 under the Yellow Roadway Corporation Retirement Savings Plan.

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