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CALAMOS STRATEGIC TOTAL RETURN FUND Form 4 December 22, 2009 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to NEAL JOHN E Issuer Symbol CALAMOS STRATEGIC TOTAL (Check all applicable) **RETURN FUND [CSQ]** (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 2020 CALAMOS COURT 12/18/2009 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Dav/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person _ Form filed by More than One Reporting NAPERVILLE, X1 60563 Person (Zip) (City) (State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial any Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price \$ Common 12/18/2009 S 9,200 D 8.000 D 8.68 Common 12/18/2009 S 3,000 D 5,000 D 8.67 Common 12/18/2009 S 2.500D 2,500 D 8.66 Common S 2.453 D D 12/18/2009 47 8.62 Common 12/18/2009 S 47 D 0 D 8.63

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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)	4. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	5. tionNumber of) Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	S	ate	7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr.	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	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				
NEAL JOHN E 2020 CALAMOS COURT NAPERVILLE, X1 60563	Х							
Signatures								
/s/ Stathy Darcy, Attorney-In-Fact	1	2/22/2009						
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date						

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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