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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|------------------|-------|
| | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |

Common Stock

* If the Form is filed by more than one Reporting Person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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

(Print or Type Response)

(Over)

FORM 4 (continued)

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. Conver- sion or Exer- cise Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity | 3. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year) | 4. Trans- action 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) Date Expira- tion | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|---|--|--|--|-----|--|--------------|---|
| | | | | (A) | (D) | Exer- cisable Date | tion Date | |

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|---------------------------------|---------|----------|---|---|-------|----------|----------|-----------------|-------|
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$23.99 | 09/20/01 | A | V | 3,000 | 09/20/02 | 09/20/11 | Common Stock | 3,000 |
| Restricted Stock Units | 1-for-1 | 09/20/01 | A | V | 3,000 | 09/20/02 | 1 | Common Stock | 3,000 |

Explanation of Responses:

1 Following board service, on date(s) selected in advance by Reporting Person, Reporting Person shall be eligible to receive one share of common stock for each restricted stock unit.

/s/ DOUGLAS E. WENTZ

10/10/01

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.