

ZUEHLKE GERALD L
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 ZUEHLKE GERALD L

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 601 W. RIVERSIDE AVENUE,
 SUITE 1100
 (Street)

SPOKANE, WA 99201

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 POTLATCH CORP [PCH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 11/11/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Vice President and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 11/11/2005 | | M | | 3,464 | \$ 35.9599 | 3,464 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/11/2005 | | S | | 3,464 | \$ 45.0165 | 0 | D |
| | | | | | | <u>(5)</u> | | |
| Common Stock | 11/11/2005 | | M | | 3,674 | \$ 39.413 | 3,674 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/11/2005 | | S | | 3,674 | \$ 45.0165 | 0 | D |
| | | | | | | <u>(5)</u> | | |
| | 11/11/2005 | | M | | 7,139 | | 7,139 | D |

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Vice President and CFO

Signatures

Malcolm A. Ryerse,
Attorney-in-fact

11/14/2005

__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).
- (1) The reporting person was granted employee stock options on December 3, 1998, to vest in two equal annual installments. The grant was made under the stockholder-approved Potlatch Corporation 1995 Stock Incentive Plan. All these options have vested.
- (2) The reporting person was granted employee stock options on December 2, 1999, to vest in two equal annual installments. The grant was made under the stockholder-approved Potlatch Corporation 1995 Stock Incentive Plan. All these options have vested.
- (3) The reporting person was granted employee stock options on December 5, 2002, to vest in two equal annual installments. The grant was made under the stockholder-approved Potlatch Corporation 1995 Stock Incentive Plan. All these options have vested.
- (4) The employee stock options, after exercise, were sold at an average price of \$45.0165 per share.
On November 11, 2005, in accordance with Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the reporting person voluntarily paid to Potlatch Corporation \$124.09. This amount represents the difference in value between the aggregate amount paid by
- (5) the reporting person for the purchase of 663.595 shares under the Potlatch Corporation Salaried Employees' Savings Plan (a 401(k) plan) on October 31, 2005 (reported on a Form 4 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 2, 2005), and the highest amount received by the reporting person for the same number of shares the sale of which is reported in this Form 4.

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