

MARKEL CORP  
Form 4  
November 08, 2007

**FORM 4**

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MARKEL STEVEN A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O MARKEL  
CORPORATION, 4521  
HIGHWOODS PKWY

(Street)

GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
MARKEL CORP [MKL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
11/07/2007

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 Chairman

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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 11/07/2007                              |                                                             | S                                       | 100 D<br>(A)<br>or<br>(D)                                               | \$<br>501.75                                                                                                       | 14,326 <sup>(1)</sup>                                                      | I By Trust<br><sup>(1)</sup>                                      |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 11/07/2007                              |                                                             | S                                       | 100 D                                                                   | \$ 504                                                                                                             | 14,226 <sup>(1)</sup>                                                      | I By Trust<br><sup>(1)</sup>                                      |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 11/07/2007                              |                                                             | S                                       | 100 D                                                                   | \$ 505                                                                                                             | 14,126 <sup>(1)</sup>                                                      | I By Trust<br><sup>(1)</sup>                                      |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                         |                                                                                                                    | 252,100.894<br><sup>(2)</sup>                                              | D                                                                 |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                         |                                                                                                                    | 1,873.67                                                                   | I 401(K)<br>Plan <sup>(3)</sup>                                   |

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Common Stock 4,375 I By Trust (4)

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 Beneficially Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | 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 |
| MARKEL STEVEN A<br>C/O MARKEL CORPORATION<br>4521 HIGHWOODS PKWY<br>GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060 | X Vice Chairman                  |

## Signatures

Linda S. Rotz, Attorney-in-fact for Steven A. Markel 11/08/2007

\*\*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) Mr. Markel is a Trustee and partial beneficiary of a Grantor Retained Annuity Trust. End of period holdings also reflect change in form of beneficial ownership by reason of distribution of 7,433 shares from the GRAT to Mr. Markel.
- (2) Holdings reflect change in form of beneficial ownership by reason of distribution of 7,433 shares from Grantor Retained Annuity Trust to Mr. Markel.

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- Holdings under the Markel Corporation 401(K) Plan are reported in units. The information reported herein is based on a plan statement
- (3) dated as of September 28, 2007 and utilizes the closing stock price on that date of \$484.00. As of 9/28/2007, a unit under the Plan represented one share of Common Stock.
  - (4) Mr. Markel is trustee and retains a partial interest in the trust. The amount reported reflects all the securities held by the trust, but Mr. Markel disclaims beneficial ownership except with respect to his interest in the trust.

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