

MERCURY GENERAL 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 \*  
**TIRADOR GABRIEL**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1700 GREENBRIAR LANE  
 (Street)  
 BREA, CA 92821  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**MERCURY GENERAL CORP  
 [MCY]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/13/2007

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)  
 President / Director

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	12/13/2007		M		6,000 A \$ 23.5938	D	
Common Stock						I	ESOP Plan
Common Stock	12/13/2007		M		2,412 A \$ 22.0625	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2007		M		5,512 D \$ 51.3054	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2007		M		2,900 D \$ 51.5	D	

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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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock	\$ 22.0625	12/13/2007		M	2,412	12/10/2000 12/10/2009	Common Stock 2,412
Common Stock	\$ 41.56					10/26/2002 10/26/2011	Common Stock 50,000
Common Stock	\$ 23.5938	12/13/2007		M	6,000	01/28/2001 01/28/2010	Common Stock 6,000
Common Stock	\$ 42.3091	06/06/2007		M	10,000	08/07/1999 08/07/2008	Common Stock 10,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TIRADOR GABRIEL 1700 GREENBRIAR LANE BREA, CA 92821	X		President	Director

## Signatures

Judy Walters, Attorney-In-Fact for Gabriel Tirador  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 12/17/2007

\*\*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).

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