

FOREST CITY ENTERPRISES INC  
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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 \*  
 ESPOSITO MICHAEL P JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 FOREST CITY ENTERPRISES INC  
 [FCEA/FCEB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1221 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/15/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

NEW YORK, NY 10020-1001

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Class A Common	09/15/2005		A	A	\$ 5.317	3,024.885	D <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common	09/15/2005		A	A	\$ 1.864	1,093.318	D <sup>(2)</sup>
Class A Common Stock						78,000	D <sup>(3)</sup>
Class A Common Stock						24,900	D <sup>(4)</sup>



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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).
- (1) Held in a Dividend Reinvestment Account (DRIP).
- (2) Shares which were acquired under the Forest City Enterprises, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) Held Direct - in Mr. Esposito's name in an account at Smith Barney, Paramus, NJ.
- (4) Held in an account at Smith Barney - Sarasota, FL.
- (5) 2003 Stock Option Grant - 25% exercisable on 3/17/2005; 25% exercisable 3/17/2006; and 50% exercisable 3/17/2007.
- (6) 2005 Stock Option Grant - 25% exercisable on 4/06/2007; 25% exercisable on 4/06/2008; and 50% exercisable on 4/06/2009.
- (7) Exercisable at retirement, termination, death or disability.
- (8) No present expiration date
- (9) Phantom Stock - 1-for-1 - Deferred compensation plan contributing \$5,000 after each board of director's meeting; updated to reflect current holdings.

### Remarks:

There was a 2-for-1 stock split that took place at the close of business on July 11, 2005. All holdings have been adjusted to reflect the split.

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