

RICKERTSEN CARL J  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
RICKERTSEN CARL J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O MICROSTRATEGY  
INCORPORATED, 1850 TOWERS  
CRESCENT PLAZA

(Street)

TYSONS CORNER, VA 22182

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
MICROSTRATEGY INC [MSTR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/09/2011

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Stock	05/09/2011		S	500	D	\$ 134.01	2,500 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Class A Common Stock	05/09/2011		S	100	D	\$ 134.2	2,400	D
Class A Common Stock	05/09/2011		S	400	D	\$ 134.21	2,000	D
Class A Common Stock	05/09/2011		S	60	D	\$	1,940	D

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Common Stock						134.33		
Class A Common Stock	05/09/2011		S	300	D	\$ 134.35	1,640	D
Class A Common Stock	05/09/2011		S	4	D	\$ 134.37	1,636	D
Class A Common Stock	05/09/2011		S	300	D	\$ 134.38	1,336	D
Class A Common Stock	05/09/2011		S	100	D	\$ 134.39	1,236	D
Class A Common Stock	05/09/2011		S	396	D	\$ 134.5	840	D
Class A Common Stock	05/09/2011		S	200	D	\$ 134.58	640	D
Class A Common Stock	05/09/2011		S	100	D	\$ 134.71	540	D
Class A Common Stock	05/09/2011		S	400	D	\$ 134.72	140	D
Class A Common Stock	05/09/2011		S	100	D	\$ 134.73	40	D
Class A Common Stock	05/09/2011		S	40	D	\$ 134.74	0	D

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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene
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Derivative Security	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	Code	V	Date Exercisable	Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Ownership, Follow-up Reporting, Transactions (Instr.

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RICKERTSEN CARL J C/O MICROSTRATEGY INCORPORATED 1850 TOWERS CRESCENT PLAZA TYSONS CORNER, VA 22182	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Carl J.  
Rickertsen  
05/11/2011

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).
- Separate open market sale transactions that were executed on 05/09/2011 at the same price have been reported on an aggregate basis on a (1) single line in Table I. The order in which sale transactions are set forth in Table I is not necessarily reflective of the sequence in which the sale transactions occurred in fact.

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