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Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		
		Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price

Common Stock

* If the Form is filed by more than one Reporting Person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Print or Type Response)

(Over)

FORM 4 (continued)

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. Conver- sion or Exer- cise Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity	3. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	4. Trans- action 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)
				(A)	(D)	Exer- cisable Date	Expira- tion Date	

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Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$23.99	09/20/01	A	V	3,000	09/20/02	09/20/11	Common Stock	3,000
Restricted Stock Units	1-for-1	09/20/01	A	V	3,000	09/20/02	1	Common Stock	3,000

Explanation of Responses:

1 Following board service, on date(s) selected in advance by Reporting Person, Reporting Person shall be eligible to receive one share of common stock for each restricted stock unit.

/s/ DOUGLAS E. WENTZ

10/10/01

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.