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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Usilton Thomas O

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First) (Middle) (Last)

DAVITA INC [DVA]

(Check all applicable)

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

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

10/11/2006

below) Senior Vice President

10% Owner

601 HAWAII ST

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

(Instr. 8)

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

Director

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I)

Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Transaction**Derivative **Expiration Date** Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) any

7. Title and Amo

Underlying Secu

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)

or Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

(A)

Code V

(D) Date Exercisable Expiration

Date

Title

Aı

or Nı of

Stock

Appreciation

\$ 56.38 10/11/2006 A 50,000 10/11/2007(1) 10/11/2011

Common Stock

Right

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

Usilton Thomas O

601 HAWAII ST EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245 Senior Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Corinna B. Polk Attorney-in-Fact

10/13/2006

**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).
- Stock Appreciation Right, granted under the 2002 Equity Compensation Plan, which vests 25% on the first anniversary of the grant date, 8.33% on the 20th month following the grant date, and 8.33% every 4 months thereafter until 100% vested.

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