

WILMINGTON TRUST 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 *
SOCKWELL OLIVER R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O WILMINGTON TRUST CORPORATION, 1100 NORTH MARKET ST., RODNEY SQUARE NO.

(Street)

WILMINGTON, DE 19890

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
WILMINGTON TRUST CORP [WL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/22/2009

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)

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	4,000	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 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Stock Units	(1)					(2)	(2)	Common Stock
Non-Statutory Stock Option (3)	\$ 33.08					02/14/2011	02/12/2018	Common Stock
Non-Statutory Stock Option (3)	\$ 10.63	04/22/2009		A	10,000	04/23/2012(4)	04/22/2019	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SOCKWELL OLIVER R C/O WILMINGTON TRUST CORPORATION 1100 NORTH MARKET ST., RODNEY SQUARE NO. WILMINGTON, DE 19890	X			

Signatures

/s/ Gerard A. Chamberlain, Attorney-in-Fact Pursuant to Limited Power of Attorney 04/24/2009

__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).
- (1) One-for-one.
- (2) These stock units will be settled in shares of registrant's common stock following the termination of the reporting person's service as a director.
- (3) (Right to buy).
- (4) Exercisable on the later of April 23, 2012 or when the United States Treasury no longer holds any debt or equity security the registrant issued to it under the U.S. Treasury's Capital Purchase Program.

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