

TUNNELL ROBERT W JR
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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 *
 TUNNELL ROBERT W JR

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

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

TUNNELL COMPANIES,
 L.P., R.D. 1, BOX 291

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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LONGNECK, DE 19966

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	04/22/2009		M	1,539 A \$ 0	81,138	D	
Common Stock					57,146	I	As attorney-in-fact for trustee of mother's trust
Common Stock					210,000	I	Trustee for Robert W. Tunnell, Sr. Marital Trust

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Common Stock	70,343	I	As General Partner of RSLT, L.P.
Common Stock	24.275 ⁽¹⁾	I	Trustee for Daughter A
Common Stock	765.08 ⁽¹⁾	I	Trustee for Daughter B
Common Stock	659.857 ⁽¹⁾	I	Trustee for Son

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 (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Stock Units	⁽²⁾	04/22/2009		M	1,539	⁽³⁾ ⁽³⁾	Common Stock
Non-Statutory Stock Option ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 31.375					05/17/2001 05/16/2011	Common Stock
Non-Statutory Stock Option ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 27.91					02/20/2006 02/19/2013	Common Stock
Non-Statutory Stock Option ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 37.02					02/25/2007 02/24/2014	Common Stock
Non-Statutory Stock Option ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 33.9					02/25/2008 02/20/2015	Common Stock
Non-Statutory Stock Option ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 43.27					02/23/2009 02/19/2016	Common Stock

Non-Statutory Stock Option (4)	\$ 43.7					02/15/2010	02/10/2017	Common Stock
Non-Statutory Stock Option (4)	\$ 33.08					02/14/2011	02/12/2018	Common Stock
Non-Statutory Stock Option (2)	\$ 10.63	04/22/2009		A	10,000	04/23/2012 ⁽⁵⁾	04/22/2019	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TUNNELL ROBERT W JR TUNNELL COMPANIES, L.P. R.D. 1, BOX 291 LONGNECK, DE 19966	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) Held by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. pursuant to dividend reinvestment plan of registrant as of February 17, 2009.
- (2) One-for-one.
- (3) These stock units converted to an equal number of shares of the registrant's common stock on April 22, 2009.
- (4) (Right to buy).
- (5) 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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