

TUNNELL ROBERT W JR  
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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 \*  
 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)  
 04/30/2009

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  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price	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	04/30/2009	G	1,725	A	\$ 0	72,068	I	As General Partner of RSLT, L.P.
Common Stock						24.562 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Trustee for Daughter A
Common Stock						774.131 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Trustee for Daughter B
Common Stock						667.663 <sup>(1)</sup>	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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Statutory Stock Option <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 31.375					05/17/2001	05/16/2011	Common Stock	8,000
Non-Statutory Stock Option <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 27.91					02/20/2006	02/19/2013	Common Stock	3,500
Non-Statutory Stock Option <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 37.02					02/25/2007	02/24/2014	Common Stock	8,000
Non-Statutory Stock Option <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 33.9					02/25/2008	02/20/2015	Common Stock	4,000
Non-Statutory Stock Option	\$ 43.27					02/23/2009	02/19/2016	Common Stock	4,000

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Non-Statutory Stock Option	\$ 43.7	02/15/2010	02/10/2017	Common Stock	3,50
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Non-Statutory Stock Option	\$ 33.08	02/14/2011	02/12/2018	Common Stock	5,00
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Non-Statutory Stock Option	\$ 10.63	04/23/2012 <sup>(4)</sup>	04/22/2019	Common Stock	10,00
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## 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

Robert W. Tunnell, Jr.	05/26/2009
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**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
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## 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 May 18, 2009.
  - (2) One-for-one.
  - (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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