

SWEENEY THOMAS PATRICK  
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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 \*  
 SWEENEY THOMAS PATRICK

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)  
 02/23/2005

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

RICHARDS, LAYTON & FINGER, ONE RODNEY SQUARE

(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

WILMINGTON, DE 19898

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					14,649	I	By IRA
Common Stock					6,006	I	As Trustee of Trust

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Phantom Stock Units	(1)					(2)	(2)	Common Stock	7,93
Non-Statutory Stock Options (3)	\$ 31.375					05/17/2001	05/16/2011	Common Stock	8,
Non-Statutory Stock Options (3)	\$ 27.91					02/20/2006	02/19/2013	Common Stock	3,
Non-Statutory Stock Option (3)	\$ 37.02					02/25/2007	02/24/2014	Common Stock	8,
Non-Statutory Stock Option (1)	\$ 33.9	02/23/2005		A(4)	4,000	02/25/2008	02/20/2015	Common Stock	4,

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SWEENEY THOMAS PATRICK RICHARDS, LAYTON & FINGER ONE RODNEY SQUARE WILMINGTON, DE 19898		X		

## Signatures

Gerard A. Chamberlain, Attorney-in-Fact Pursuant to Limited Power of Attorney

02/24/2005

\*\*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).

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- (1) One-for-one.
- (2) These phantom stock units may be exercised only for cash and only following the termination of the reporting person's service as a director.
- (3) (Right to buy).
- (4) Grant to reporting person of option to buy shares of common stock under registrant's 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan in transaction exempt from Section 16b by virtue of Rule 16b-3(d)(2).

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