SWEENEY THOMAS PATRICK

Form 4

January 04, 2006

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SWEENEY THOMAS PATRICK

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

WILMINGTON TRUST CORP

[WL]

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

12/30/2005

_X__ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

RICHARDS, LAYTON &

FINGER, ONE RODNEY SQUARE

(State)

(First)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

Person

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

below)

WILMINGTON, DE 19898

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1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onAcquired (A) or	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed of (D)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
					Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
				(4)	Reported		
				(A)	T ()		

Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Common Ι By IRA 14,649 Stock

Common As Trustee 6,006 I Stock of Trust

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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$\label{thm:convertible} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		te	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Secu
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Ai Nu Sh
Phantom Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	01/03/2006		A	424.685	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	4
Stock Units	(1)	12/30/2005		A	256.153	(3)	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	2.
Non-Statutory Stock Option	\$ 31.375					05/17/2001	05/16/2011	Common Stock	
Non-Statutory Stock Option	\$ 27.91					02/20/2006	02/19/2013	Common Stock	
Non-Statutory Stock Option	\$ 37.02					02/25/2007	02/24/2014	Common Stock	
Non-Statutory Stock Option	\$ 33.9					02/25/2008	02/20/2015	Common Stock	

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 Lim	ited Power of
Attorney	01/04/2006
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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- * 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 phantom stock units may be exercised only for cash and only following the termination of the reporting person's service as a director. The information presented is as of January 3, 2006.
- (3) 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.
- (4) Includes 2.153 dividend equivalent shares earned on prior quarter's balance.
- (5) (Right to buy).

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