LINES JOHN K Form 4 March 03, 2011

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Washington, D.C. 20549

if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5

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SECURITIES obligations may continue.

See Instruction 1(b).

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LINES JOHN K

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title Other (specify

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2011

below) Senior V.P. & General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

1825 LOMBARDY AVENUE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

Person

NASHVILLE,, TN 37215

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

5. Amount of

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(9-02)

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common Stock

Code V Amount (D) Price

> 15,500 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)

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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 onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock "Right to Buy"	\$ 46.69	03/01/2011		A	60,000 (1)	01/31/2016	02/29/2016	Common Stock	60,000

Reporting Owners

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LINES JOHN K 1825 LOMBARDY AVENUE NASHVILLE,, TN 37215

Senior V.P. & General Counsel

Signatures

John K. Lines 03/03/2011

**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) These stock options were granted pursuant to the Company's 2010 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan on March 1, 2011. The grant and exercise of these stock options are exempt from Section 16(b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d).

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