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FORM 4

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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 *
Bitzer Marc R

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2000 M-63N
(Street)

BENTON HARBOR, MI 49022

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
WHIRLPOOL CORP /DE/ [WHR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/20/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
PRESIDENT WHIRLPOOL NA

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 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

| 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 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 | | |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--|------|---|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 71.03 | 02/20/2012 | A ⁽¹⁾ | 51,232 | | | | | ⁽¹⁾ | 02/20/2022 | Common | 51,232 |
| Restricted Stock Units | ⁽²⁾ | 02/20/2012 | A ⁽²⁾ | 5,418 | | | | | ⁽²⁾ | ⁽²⁾ | Common | 5,418 |
| Restricted Stock Units | ⁽³⁾ | 02/20/2012 | A ⁽³⁾ | 25,000 | | | | | ⁽³⁾ | ⁽³⁾ | Common | 25,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Bitzer Marc R 2000 M-63N BENTON HARBOR, MI 49022 | | | PRESIDENT WHIRLPOOL NA | |

Signatures

/s/ Bridget K. Quinn
Attorney-in-Fact
02/22/2012
Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) Options will vest and become exercisable as follows: one-third on 02/20/2013; one-third on 02/20/2014; and one-third on 02/20/2015. Restricted stock units awarded for the 2011 performance period pursuant to the Whirlpool Corporation Omnibus Stock and Incentive Plan
- (2) in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive one share of Whirlpool common stock. Restricted stock units will vest and convert one-for-one to shares on 02/14/2014.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive one share of Whirlpool common stock. Restricted stock units will vest and convert one-for-one to shares - 50% on February 20, 2015 and 50% on February 20, 2017.

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