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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 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)	8. Principal Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.84					05/06/2004 05/06/2013	Common Stock	15,000
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.65					04/26/2005 05/04/2014	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STEWARD DAVID L 7711 CARONDELET AVENUE ST. LOUIS, MO 63105		X		

Signatures

/s/ Keith H. Williamson (executed by attorney-in-fact) 04/24/2008

**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) Mr. Steward's ownership includes 7,168 shares of restricted stock which will vest in full on the date of the April 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

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