

HOVICK KEVIN J
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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 *
 HOVICK KEVIN J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 EMC INSURANCE GROUP INC
 [EMCI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 13560 LAKE SHORE DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/03/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr. Vice President

WEST DES MOINES, IA 50325
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

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	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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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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
Employee Stock Option/Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights ⁽¹⁾	\$ 18.865	03/03/2009		A		6,000		03/03/2010 ⁽²⁾	03/03/2019	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOVICK KEVIN J 13560 LAKE SHORE DRIVE WEST DES MOINES, IA 50325			Sr. Vice President	

Signatures

Kevin J. Hovick 03/05/2009

 **Signature of Date
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).
- The employee stock options (right to buy) were granted in tandem with stock appreciation rights up to 50% of the employee stock options
- (1) (right to buy). Exercise of Stock Appreciation Rights must be in conjunction with the exercise of the employee stock options (right to buy). Accordingly the exercise on one results in the expiration of the other.
 - (2) Options vest in five equal annual installments beginning one year after date of grant.

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