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Common Stock, Par

Value - \$.10

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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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transacti	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Title Amour		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hopkins John N C/O KEARNY FINANCIAL CORP 120 PASSAIC AVENUE FAIRFIELD, NJ 07004

President and CEO

Signatures

/s/John N. Hopkins By: Craig L. Montanaro, Power of Attorney 12/09/2008

**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) Award vests and is earned 20% as of 12/05/06 and 20% annually thereafter.

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