

MERRIMAN RONALD  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 \*  
**MERRIMAN RONALD**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

5500 WAYZATA BLVD., SUITE 800

(Street)

GOLDEN VALLEY, MN 55416

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**PENTAIR INC [PNR]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/22/2012

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)

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/22/2012		M		12,000	A	\$ 24.78
Common Stock	05/22/2012		S		8,400	D	\$ 42.01 (1)
Common Stock	05/22/2012		S		3,600	D	\$ 42.35 (2)
Common Stock - Deferral							1,331.483 (3) (4)
						I	Plan Agent

Plan

Common  
Stock

1,771.087 <sup>(3)</sup> I

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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 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Nonqualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.78	05/22/2012		M	12,000	01/02/2010 01/02/2019	Common Stock	12,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MERRIMAN RONALD 5500 WAYZATA BLVD., SUITE 800 GOLDEN VALLEY, MN 55416			X	

## Signatures

/s/ John K. Wilson, Attorney-in-Fact for Ronald L. Merriman

05/23/2012

\*\*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).

The price in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The prices actually received ranged from \$41.31 to \$42.25. The reporting person has provided to the issuer, and will provide to any security holder of the issuer, or the SEC staff, upon request, information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the range for all transactions reported in this Form 4 utilizing an average weighted price.

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- The price in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The prices actually received ranged from \$42.33 to \$42.38. The reporting person has
- (2) provided to the issuer, and will provide to any security holder of the issuer, or the SEC staff, upon request, information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the range for all transactions reported in this Form 4 utilizing an average weighted price.
  - (3) End-of-period holdings include shares acquired under a dividend reinvestment plan in exempt transaction not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16(a).
  - (4) Shares of Pentair, Inc. common stock will be delivered to the reporting person in accordance with their irrevocable deferral election.

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