

HIRT F WILLIAM
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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 *
HIRT F WILLIAM

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3270 KINGSTON COURT

(Street)

ERIE, PA 16506

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ERIE INDEMNITY CO [ERIE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/22/2005

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)

Chairman of the Board

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Class A Common Stock	08/22/2005		G	V	23,009	D	\$ 0 1,932,501 D
Class A Common Stock	08/22/2005		G	V	25,767	D	\$ 0 1,906,734 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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converted into Class A shares.

(2) Pursuant to the Articles of Incorporation of the Company, as amended, shares of Class B Common Stock (voting) of Erie Indemnity Company are convertible at any time to shares of Class A Common Stock (non-voting) at a conversion rate of 2,400 shares of Class A Stock for each share of Class B Stock.

(3) Conversion price is not applicable to shares granted under the Outside Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan.

(4) The shares subject to this reporting are phantom Share Credits which are periodically credited to the accounts of certain Directors of Erie Indemnity Company pursuant to its Outside Directors Stock Plan. These Credit Shares are actually paid to the reporting individual in shares of Erie Indemnity Company Class A Common Stock when their service as a Director of Erie Indemnity Company ends. There is no exercisable date for these securities.

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