

POST WILLIAM J /OH/
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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 *
POST WILLIAM J /OH/

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
RESPIRONICS INC [RESP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1010 MURRY RIDGE LANE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/15/2004

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President Homecare

MURRYSVILLE, PA 15668

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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		
Common Stock	01/02/2004		A ⁽¹⁾	423	\$ 26.337	1,730	D

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)

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 40.675	08/27/2003		M ⁽²⁾	50,000	08/27/2004 08/27/2013	Common Stock	50,000
Stock Option	\$ 53.545	08/25/2004		M ⁽³⁾	30,000	08/25/2005 08/25/2014	Common Stock	30,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
POST WILLIAM J /OH/ 1010 MURRY RIDGE LANE MURRYSVILLE, PA 15668			President	Homecare

Signatures

Dorita A. Pishko;
Attorney-in-fact

11/15/2004

**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) Shares issued on 1/2/2004 from employee stock purchase program.
- (2) August 27, 2003 Incentive Stock Option Grant.
- (3) August 25, 2004 Incentive Stock Option Grant.

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