#### **COTTER DOUGLAS A**

Form 4

February 24, 2006

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading COTTER DOUGLAS A Issuer Symbol RESPIRONICS INC [RESP] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) \_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title P.O. BOX 587, 176 LITTLE COVE 02/23/2006 below) LANE 4. If Amendment, Date Original (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

KILMARNOCK, VA 22482

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/23/2006		M	10,200	A	\$ 13.09	14,418	D	
Common Stock	02/23/2006		S	10,200	D	\$ 36.74	4,218	D	

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

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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 or 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 13.09	02/23/2006		M	10,200	11/21/2001	11/21/2010	Common Stock	10,200

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
<b>Fg</b> -	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
COTTER DOUGLAS A P.O. BOX 587 176 LITTLE COVE LANE KILMARNOCK, VA 22482	X					

## **Signatures**

Dorita A. Pishko; Atty-in-Fact 02/24/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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