

Arnold James Robert Jr.  
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**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Arnold James Robert Jr.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Nuance Communications, Inc.  
[SSFT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
ONE WAYSIDE ROAD  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/15/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr. Vice President & CFO

BURLINGTON, MA 01803

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    | 12/15/2005                           | 12/15/2005   | F                              | V Amount (D) Price<br>13,350 D \$ 6.57                            | 115,368   | 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 | 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------|---|--|---|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 4.08  |                                      |  |                     |   | 09/30/2005 <sup>(1)</sup> 09/30/2011                     | Common Stock 450,000  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 4.29  |                                      |  |                     |   | 05/28/2005 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/29/2012                     | Common Stock 100,000  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                      | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| Arnold James Robert Jr.<br>ONE WAYSIDE ROAD<br>BURLINGTON, MA 01803 |               |           | Sr. Vice President & CFO |       |

## Signatures

By: /s/ Donna M. Belanger For: James Arnold, Jr. 12/16/2005

\*\*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) These options vest 25% on first anniversary date and monthly thereafter for a total 4 year vest period.
- (2) These options vest quarterly in equal installments over a three-year period.

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