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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 *
 Sykes Charles E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SYKES ENTERPRISES INC
 [SYKE]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 400 N ASHLEY DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/05/2009

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

TAMPA, FL 33602
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock	\$ 19.69	01/05/2009	A	76,816					(1)	(1)	Common Stock	76,816
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 19.69	01/05/2009	A	67,947					(2)	(2)	Common Stock	67,947

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sykes Charles E 400 N ASHLEY DRIVE TAMPA, FL 33602			CEO & President	

Signatures

/s/ Martin A. Traber, Attorney-In-Fact for Charles E. Sykes
 01/07/2009
 **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) The restricted stock was granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to the Issuer's 2001 Equity Incentive Plan and vesting is subject to previously established specific performance criteria through March 16, 2012.
- (2) The stock appreciation rights were granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to the Issuer's 2001 Equity Incentive Plan and 1/3 will vest annually on January 5, 2010, January 5, 2011 and January 5, 2012.

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