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December 11, 2002

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Ad Francis, Dennis			me and Tic inancial G		6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)						
(Last) (First) (Middle)				rting	ntification l g Person, voluntary)	Numbe	Mo	Statement for onth/Day/Year ocember 9, 2002	Director		
Des Moines, IA						If Amendment, te of Original (onth/Day/Year)	President 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	Т	able	I Non-E)erivat	osed of, or Beneficially Owned						
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	tle of 2. Trans- 2A. Deemed rity action Execution					es Acqu oosed o	iired	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Owner- ship Form:	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial	

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

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FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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þ	Derivative	sion or	action	Deemed	Trans-	Number	and Expiration	Amount of	Derivative	Derivative	Owner-	of Indirect		
9	Security	Exercise	Date	Execution	action	of	Date	Underlying	Security	Securities	ship	Beneficial		
		Price of		Date,	Code	Derivativ	@Month/Day/	Securities	(Instr. 5)	Beneficially	Form	Ownership		
(Instr. 3)	Derivative	(Month/	if any		Securitie	Year)	(Instr. 3 & 4)		Owned	of Deriv-	(Instr. 4)		
		Security	Day/	(Month/	(Instr.	Acquired				Following	ative			
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				(Inst:	,							or Indirect (I)	
		Code	V	(A)		Exer-cisable	Expira- tion Date		Amount or Number of Shares			(Instr. 4)	
Phantom Stock Unit	12/09/02	A		1.20				Common Stock	1.20		141.20	D	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Pursuant to 10b5-1 Plan adopted February 8, 2002.

By: /s/ <u>Joyce N. Hoffman</u> Attorney-in-Fact <u>December 11, 2002</u>

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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