

NOVASTAR FINANCIAL INC
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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 *
 SCHWATKEN RODNEY E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 NOVASTAR FINANCIAL INC
 [NFI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 8140 WARD PARKWAY, SUITE 300
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/22/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Principal Financial Officer

KANSAS CITY, MO 64114

(City) (State) (Zip)

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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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | |
| NovaStar Financial, Inc. Common Stock | 04/22/2005 | | A | 7 | A | \$ 35.26 | 36,106 | D |

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

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