

AMERUS GROUP CO/IA  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BROOKS ROGER K**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
699 WALNUT STREET  
(Street)

DES MOINES, IA 50309

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**AMERUS GROUP CO/IA [AMH]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
06/30/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

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 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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	06/30/2006	06/30/2006	M	89.7	A \$ 37.16	20,161.39	I Roger K Brooks Revocable Trust
Common Stock	06/30/2006	06/30/2006	M	519.21	A \$ 25.68	20,680.6	I Roger K Brooks Revocable Trust
Common Stock	06/30/2006	06/30/2006	M	7,934.83	A \$ 47.26	28,615.43	I Roger K Brooks Revocable Trust

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Common Stock	06/30/2006	06/30/2006	F	3,512.74	D	\$ 56.6	25,102.69	I	Roger K Brooks Revocable Trust
Common Stock							7,159.477	I	By 401(k) Plan
Common Stock							9,000	I	By Spouse
Common Stock							5,000	I	RKB Partnership, L.P. <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock							200	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)

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 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 Number Shares
Performance Rights <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 25.68	06/30/2006	06/30/2006	M	519.21	<sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock 519.2
Performance Rights <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 37.16	06/30/2006	06/30/2006	M	89.7	<sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock 89.7
Performance Rights (MIP) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 47.26	06/30/2006	06/30/2006	M	7,934.83	<sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock 7,934.8

# Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BROOKS ROGER K 699 WALNUT STREET DES MOINES, IA 50309		X		

# Signatures

/s/ Jeananne M. Celander, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Brooks 07/03/2006

\*\*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) Reportee is a co-trustee for the Trust.  

The Company's Senior Executive Incentive Plan (SEIP), an employee plan exempt under Section 16b-3, provides that employees participating in the plan are eligible to defer a portion of their annual bonus to purchase phantom stock units at a price per unit equal to the fair market value (FMV) of the Company's common stock on the date of purchase. The company will match a specified percentage of the phantom stock units purchased pursuant to the deferral program. Upon vesting, the Company either will pay to the employee an amount in cash determined by multiplying the number of units times the FMV of the Company's common stock on that date or issue the underlying common stock.
  - (2) 

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  - (3) On the third anniversary of the employee's deferral, the Company will issue the underlying common stock. The entire Company match is forfeited if the employee's employment terminates prior to the third anniversary of the employee's deferral.

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