

SHANNON MICHAEL L  
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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 \*  
SHANNON MICHAEL L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O KEY TECHNOLOGY, INC., 150 AVERY STREET

(Street)

WALLA WALLA, WA 99362

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

KEY TECHNOLOGY INC [KTEC]

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

12/01/2008

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/01/2008                           |  | M                              | 5,000 A   | \$ 9.125 132,308  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/01/2008                           |  | M                              | 5,000 A   | \$ 8 137,308  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/01/2008                           |  | M                              | 5,000 A   | \$ 9.64 142,308   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/01/2008                           |  | F                              | 3,448 D   | \$ 13.23 138,860  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/01/2008                           |  | F                              | 3,023 D   | \$ 13.23 135,837  | D  |                                   |

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|--------------|------------|---|--------|---|----------|---------|---|
| Common Stock | 12/01/2008 | F | 3,643  | D | \$ 13.23 | 132,194 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/01/2008 | D | 10,000 | D | \$ 14.45 | 122,194 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/02/2008 | D | 13,325 | D | \$ 15.43 | 108,869 | 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Non-Statutory Stock Option                 | \$ 9.125   | 12/01/2008                           |  | M                              | 5,000   | <u>(1)</u> 02/23/2010                                    | Common Stock  | 5,000                      |
| Non-Statutory Stock Option                 | \$ 8   | 12/01/2008                           |  | M                              | 5,000   | <u>(2)</u> 02/07/2011                                    | Common Stock  | 5,000                      |
| Non-Statutory Stock Option                 | \$ 9.64  | 12/01/2008                           |  | M                              | 5,000   | <u>(3)</u> 02/02/2015                                    | Common Stock  | 5,000                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SHANNON MICHAEL L<br>C/O KEY TECHNOLOGY, INC.<br>150 AVERY STREET<br>WALLA WALLA, WA 99362 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

Michael L.  
Shannon

12/03/2008

\_\_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) 25 % of such option became exercisable on February 23, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004, respectively.
  - (2) 25% of such option became exercisable on Febraury 7, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005, respectively.
  - (3) 100% of such option became exercisable on February 2, 2006.
  - (4) Not a required reportable field. New SEC software requires a dollar amount; use zero per SEC.

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