

HIRT F WILLIAM

Form 4

August 23, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HIRT F WILLIAM

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3270 KINGSTON COURT

(Street)

ERIE, PA 16506

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
ERIE INDEMNITY CO [ERIE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/22/2005

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)

Chairman of the Board

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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		
Class A Common Stock	08/22/2005		G	V	23,009	D	\$ 0	1,932,501	D
Class A Common Stock	08/22/2005		G	V	25,767	D	\$ 0	1,906,734	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 or Number of Shares
Class B Common Stock	\$ 0 <u>(1)</u>							<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Class A Common Stock <u>(2)</u>	48,000
Class B Common Stock	\$ 0 <u>(1)</u>							<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Class A Common Stock <u>(2)</u>	2,808,000
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Directors' Deferred Compensation Phantom Units	\$ 0 <u>(3)</u>							<u>(4)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Class A Common Stock	2,028.5788

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HIRT F WILLIAM 3270 KINGSTON COURT ERIE, PA 16506	X	X	Chairman of the Board	

Signatures

By: Linda A. Etter, Power of Attorney
08/23/2005
 **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) Each share of Class B Common Stock is convertible at any time into 2,400 shares of Class A Common Stock. There are no exercise or expiration dates associated with this conversion feature and no specific exercise price when a Class B share is

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converted into Class A shares.

- (2) Pursuant to the Articles of Incorporation of the Company, as amended, shares of Class B Common Stock (voting) of Erie Indemnity Company are convertible at any time to shares of Class A Common Stock (non-voting) at a conversion rate of 2,400 shares of Class A Stock for each share of Class B Stock.
- (3) Conversion price is not applicable to shares granted under the Outside Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (4) The shares subject to this reporting are phantom Share Credits which are periodically credited to the accounts of certain Directors of Erie Indemnity Company pursuant to its Outside Directors Stock Plan. These Credit Shares are actually paid to the reporting individual in shares of Erie Indemnity Company Class A Common Stock when their service as a Director of Erie Indemnity Company ends. There is no exercisable date for these securities.
- (5) The shares subject to this reporting are phantom Share Credits which are periodically credited to the accounts of certain Directors of Erie Indemnity Company pursuant to its Outside Directors Stock Plan. These Credit Shares are actually paid to the reporting individual in shares of Erie Indemnity Company Class A Common Stock when their service as a Director of Erie Indemnity Company ends. There is no expiration date for these securities.

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