

MCALEER WILLIAM
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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 *
MCALEER WILLIAM

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AVOCENT CORP [AVCT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
9911 WILLOWS ROAD NE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/27/2005

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

REDMOND, WA 98052
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 | 01/27/2005 | | M | 1,000 A | \$ 22.36 | 1,000 | D |
| Common Stock | 01/27/2005 | | S | 1,000 D | \$ 36.25 | 0 | 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)

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| 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Options (rights to buy) | \$ 0.1123 | | | | | 06/10/1996 ⁽¹⁾ 06/10/2006 | Common Stock 4,129 |
| Options (rights to buy) | \$ 52.4375 | | | | | 09/18/2000 ⁽²⁾ 09/18/2010 | Common Stock 20,000 |
| Common Stock | \$ 22.36 | 01/27/2005 | | M | 1,000 | 05/25/2001 ⁽²⁾ 05/25/2001 | Common Stock 1,000 |
| Options (rights to buy) | \$ 27.25 | | | | | 03/07/2003 ⁽²⁾ 03/07/2013 | Common Stock 15,000 |
| Common Stock | \$ 40.98 | | | | | 02/05/2004 ⁽²⁾ 02/05/2014 | Common Stock 10,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MCALEER WILLIAM 9911 WILLOWS ROAD NE REDMOND, WA 98052 | | X | | |

Signatures

Doyle C. Weeks as attorney-in-fact for William H McAleer 01/31/2005

**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) Grant date, 25% exercisable on July 1, 1997 and in 36 equal installments thereafter.

(2) Grant date, exercisable in 24 monthly installments beginning one month from date of grant.

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