

GENESEE & WYOMING INC
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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 *
 Benz James W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 GENESEE & WYOMING INC
 [GWR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 66 FIELD POINT ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/27/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Chief Operating Officer

GREENWICH, CT 06830
 (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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Class A Common Stock, \$.01 par value | 05/27/2008 | | A | | 2,870 (1) A \$ 0 64,970 (2) | 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 39.08 | 05/27/2008 | | A | 23,407 | (3) 05/26/2013 | Class A Common Stock, \$0.01 par value | 23,407 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Benz James W 66 FIELD POINT ROAD GREENWICH, CT 06830 | | | Chief Operating Officer | |

Signatures

Allison M. Fergus, Attorney in Fact for James W. Benz
 05/29/2008

____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) This restricted stock award was granted under the Genesee & Wyoming Inc. Amended and Restated 2004 Omnibus Incentive Plan and will vest in three equal annual installments, beginning May 27, 2009.
- (2) All shares are held in a joint account with spouse.
- (3) This option was granted under the Genesee & Wyoming Inc. Amended and Restated 2004 Omnibus Incentive Plan and will vest in three equal annual installments, beginning May 27, 2009.

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