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(Check all applicable)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Director                              | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) |

Vice President and Controller

7. 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 (mm/dd/yy)	2.A Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Price
			Code	V	Amount	or (D)	
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Common Stock							
Common Stock	10/02/02	10/07/02	P		29.328	A	\$74.31
Common Stock	To 09/30/02						
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\* If the Form is filed by more than one Reporting Person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).  
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

FORM 4 (continued)

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. Conver- sion or Exer- cise Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity	3. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3A. Execut ion Date, if any (Month/ Day/ Year)	4. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8) ----- Code V	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ----- (A) (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) ----- Date Expira- tion Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) ----- Amount or Number of Shares
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Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Held by the trustee of the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan, The Northern Trust Company.
- (2) Held by the trustee of the Company's 401(k) Plan, Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company.

/s/George R. Gavagan10/09/02  
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 \*\*Signature of Reporting PersonDate

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

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See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedures.

Alternatively, this Form is permitted to be submitted to the Commission in electronic format at the option of the reporting person pursuant to rule 101(b)(4) of Regulation S-T.