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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GRIFFIN ROBERT E | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ESCALADE INC [ESCA] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|--|---------|----------|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (check an apphendic) | | |
| 817 MAXWELL AVE | | | (Month/Day/Year) 04/30/2008 | _X_ Director _X_ 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| EVANSVILLE, IN 47717 | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tabl | le I - Non-I | Derivative | Secui | rities A | cquired, Disposed | d of, or Benefic | cially Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Deemed 3. ution Date, if Transaction Code | | ties (A) of of (D 4 and |)) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 04/30/2008 | 04/30/2008 | Code V | Amount 1,250 (1) | (A) or (D) | Price \$ 6.9 | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 496,144 | D D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 959,796 | I | Family Limited Partnership |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 1,800,000 | I | Family Limited Liability Corporation |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 62,462 (2) | I | Adult Children |

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | Transaction Derivative Code Securities | | 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 | |
| Restricted Stock Unit | <u>(3)</u> | 04/30/2008 | 04/30/2008 | A | 1,250 (4) | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock | 1,250 | \$ |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| GRIFFIN ROBERT E | | | | | | | |
| 817 MAXWELL AVE | X | X | Chairman | | | | |
| EVANSVILLE, IN 47717 | | | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Robert E. 05/01/2008 Keller **Signature of Date

Reporting Person

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) Shares issued are in settlement of restricted stock units that vested on April 30, 2008.
- (2) Mr. Robert Griffin disclaims beneficial interest in shares held by his adult children.
- Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of ESCA common stock granted pursuant to the Escalade, Incorporated 2007 Incentive Plan.
- Restricted stock units that vested on April 30, 2008 were settled by the issuance of common stock on that date.
- (5) Composed of 1,250 restricted stock units that will vest on April 27, 2009.

Reporting Owners 2

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