

POWELL THOMAS W  
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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 \*  
POWELL THOMAS W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
POWELL INDUSTRIES INC  
[POWL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
PO BOX 12818  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/26/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
CEO, Chairman of the Board

HOUSTON, TX 77217

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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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	08/26/2008		S	300 D \$ 46.99	541,200	D	
Common Stock	08/26/2008		S	200 D \$ 47	541,000	D	
Common Stock	08/26/2008		S	100 D \$ 47.02	540,900	D	
Common Stock	08/26/2008		S	100 D \$ 47.06	540,800	D	
Common Stock	08/26/2008		S	99 D \$ 47.07	540,701	D	

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Common Stock	08/26/2008	S	100	D	\$ 47.08	540,601	D
Common Stock	08/26/2008	S	100	D	\$ 47.09	540,501	D
Common Stock	08/26/2008	S	401	D	\$ 47.1	540,100	D
Common Stock	08/26/2008	S	208	D	\$ 47.22	539,892	D
Common Stock	08/26/2008	S	192	D	\$ 47.23	539,700	D
Common Stock	08/26/2008	S	300	D	\$ 47.31	539,400	D
Common Stock	08/26/2008	S	100	D	\$ 47.33	539,300	D
Common Stock	08/26/2008	S	92	D	\$ 47.34	539,208	D
Common Stock	08/26/2008	S	8	D	\$ 47.35	539,200	D
Common Stock	08/26/2008	S	400	D	\$ 47.4	538,800	D
Common Stock	08/26/2008	S	100	D	\$ 47.41	538,700	D
Common Stock	08/26/2008	S	200	D	\$ 47.42	538,500	D
Common Stock	08/26/2008	S	300	D	\$ 47.43	538,200	D
Common Stock	08/26/2008	S	100	D	\$ 47.44	538,100	D
Common Stock	08/26/2008	S	100	D	\$ 47.49	538,000	D
Common Stock	08/26/2008	S	200	D	\$ 47.28	537,800	D
Common Stock	08/26/2008	S	100	D	\$ 47.37	537,700	D
Common Stock	08/26/2008	S	500	D	\$ 47.45	537,200	D
Common Stock	08/26/2008	S	100	D	\$ 47.46	537,100	D
Common Stock	08/26/2008	S	100	D	\$ 47.48	537,000	D
						1,798,628	I

Common Stock						Held in TWP Holdings
Common Stock				78,720	I	Held in IRA
Common Stock				818	I	Held in 401K
Common Stock				260,860	I	Held in TWP Trust

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
POWELL THOMAS W PO BOX 12818 HOUSTON, TX 77217	X	X	CEO, Chairman of the Board	

## Signatures

Don R. Madison, Power of Attorney for Thomas W. Powell 08/28/2008

\_\_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).

### Remarks:

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