

MCALEER WILLIAM  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MCALEER WILLIAM

(Last) (First) (Middle)

9911 WILLOWS ROAD NE

(Street)

REDMOND, WA 98052

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
11/14/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (D) Price  |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 11/14/2008                           |  | S                              | 800 D \$ 15.5   | 13,474 <sup>(4)</sup>   | 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) |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Options (rights to buy)                    | \$ 52.4375   |                                      |  |                                |   | 09/18/2000 <sup>(1)</sup>                                | 09/18/2010  | Common Stock | 20,000                     |
| Options (rights to buy)                    | \$ 22.36   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/25/2001 <sup>(1)</sup>                                | 05/25/2011  | Common Stock | 6,000                      |
| Options (rights to buy)                    | \$ 27.25   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/07/2003 <sup>(1)</sup>                                | 03/07/2013  | Common Stock | 15,000                     |
| Options (rights to buy)                    | \$ 40.98   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/05/2004 <sup>(1)(3)</sup>                             | 02/05/2014  | Common Stock | 10,000                     |
| Options (rights to buy)                    | \$ 26.14   |                                      |  |                                |   | 06/30/2005 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 06/30/2015  | Common Stock | 4,200                      |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Richard Hempstead as attorney-in-fact for William H McAleer 11/14/2008

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

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- (2) Grant date, 100% vests on December 31, 2005.
- (3) The vesting of unvested options will accelerate and become 100% vested on December 25, 2005, if the reporting person is an employee on that date.
- (4) These include 8,016 time-based restricted shares granted on April 27, 2007 and February 19, 2008. 5,016 shares vest on January 1, 2009 and 3,000 on January 1, 2010.

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