

BLANKENSHIP EDWARD H  
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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 \*  
BLANKENSHIP EDWARD H

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
4991 CORPORATE DRIVE  
(Street)

HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/02/2009

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)  
Senior VP Finance & CFO

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)
Common Stock	01/02/2009		F	(A) or (D) V Amount 4,098 (6)	Price \$ 17.85	41,206 (4)	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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 15.46					07/25/2002 <sup>(1)</sup> 07/25/2012	Common Stock
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 27.25					03/07/2003 <sup>(2)</sup> 03/07/2013	Common Stock
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 40.98					02/05/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/05/2014	Common Stock
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 28.96					08/19/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> 08/19/2014	Common Stock
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 26.14					06/30/2005 <sup>(3)</sup> 06/30/2015	Common Stock
Performance-share awards with Market Conditions	\$ 0					02/19/2008 <sup>(5)</sup> 02/19/2018	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BLANKENSHIP EDWARD H 4991 CORPORATE DRIVE HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805			Senior VP Finance & CFO	

## Signatures

Richard K. Hempstead Attorney-in-Fact for Edward H. Blankenship 01/07/2009

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, options vest over four years, 25% on the first anniversary of the grant date and 6.25% quarterly over the remaining 12 quarters.

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(2) Grant date, 25% vests after 6 months, 7.5% vests every three months for the final 10 quarters. Vesting of unvested options accelerated and became 100% vested on December 25, 2005.

(3) Grant date, 100% vested on December 31, 2005.

(4) Includes time-based and performance-based (now deemed earned) restricted shares awarded on April 25, 2006, April 17, 2008, and February 19, 2008. 11,968 shares vest on January 1, 2009, 6,975 shares vest on January 1, 2010, and 3,750 shares vest on January 1, 2011. Also includes 8,000 shares of restricted stock units that vest on the earlier of the first anniversary of the grant date or the closing price of Avocent's common stock being at or above a specified level for each trading day during any consecutive 30 calendar day period.

(5) Grant Date; These are performance-shares awards with market conditions tied to company stock price to be earned over a two year period. If earned, the shares will vest over a two year period beginning January 1, 2008.

(6) 4,098 shares were withheld as payment for taxes at the release of restricted shares on January 2, 2008.

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