

ITRON INC /WA/  
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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 \*  
**HELMBRECHT STEVEN M**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**ITRON INC /WA/ [ITRI]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**2818 N. SULLIVAN ROAD**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/08/2006**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Sr. VP & CFO**

(Street)  
**SPOKANE, WA 99216**

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

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 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	03/08/2006		S	100 <u>(1)</u> D	\$ 57.51	9,459	D
Common Stock	03/08/2006		S	100 <u>(1)</u> D	\$ 57.52	9,359	D
Common Stock	03/08/2006		S	200 <u>(1)</u> D	\$ 57.56	9,159	D
Common Stock	03/08/2006		S	200 <u>(1)</u> D	\$ 57.61	8,959	D
Common Stock	03/08/2006		S	100 <u>(1)</u> D	\$ 57.6382	8,859	D

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Common Stock	03/08/2006	S	100 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 57.64	8,759	D
Common Stock	03/08/2006	S	100 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 57.65	8,659	D
Common Stock	03/08/2006	S	72 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 57.66	8,587	D
Common Stock	03/08/2006	S	100 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 57.75	8,487	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)

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. Derivative Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 19.2	03/08/2006		M	4,251	<sup>(2)</sup>	03/08/2014	Common Stock	4,251

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HELMBRECHT STEVEN M 2818 N. SULLIVAN ROAD SPOKANE, WA 99216			Sr. VP & CFO	

## Signatures

By: MariLyn R. Blair, as attorney-in-fact For: Steven M.  
Helmbrecht

03/08/2006

\_\_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) Shares sold pursuant to 10b5-1 Plan.

(2) 33-1/3% of options become exercisable on 3/8/05 and an additional 33-1/3% on each of 3/8/06 and 3/8/07.

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