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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement ROGERS CORP [ROG] A Bessette Michael D (Month/Day/Year) 08/24/2006 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) ONE TECHNOLOGY DRIVE, (Check all applicable) P.O. BOX 188 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting **VP Durel Division** Person ROGERS, Â CTÂ 06263-0188 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â $D^{(1)}$ Capital (Common) Stock 5,057.055 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of
Security	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Indirect Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Title	Derivative	Security:	
			Security	Direct (D)	

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		Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	10/18/2002(2)	10/18/2010	Capital (Common) Stock	1,000	\$ 34.25	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	10/23/2003(3)	10/23/2011	Capital (Common) Stock	1,500	\$ 34.09	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	10/23/2004(4)	10/23/2012	Capital (Common) Stock	3,000	\$ 26.11	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	10/29/2005(5)	10/29/2013	Capital (Common) Stock	14,000	\$ 38.53	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	04/29/2004(6)	04/29/2014	Capital (Common) Stock	13,000	\$ 59.85	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	04/28/2005(7)	04/28/2015	Capital (Common) Stock	14,000	\$ 34.83	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/15/2008(8)	02/15/2016	Capital (Common) Stock	8,600	\$ 48	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Bessette Michael D					
ONE TECHNOLOGY DRIVE, P.O. BOX 188	Â	Â	VP Durel Division	Â	
ROGERS. CT 06263-0188					

Signatures

Eileen D. Kania as Power of Attorney 08/31/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Mr. Bessette also indirectly owns 1,964.4309 Shares of Rogers Corporation Capital (Common) Stock through the Company's 401(k) plan.
- (2) This Incentive Stock Option was granted pursuant to the 1998 Stock Incentive Plan and became exercisable in one-third increments on the second, third and fourth anniversary dates of the grant.

(3)

Reporting Owners 2

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This Incentive Stock Option was granted pursuant to the 1994 Stock Compensation Plan and became exercisable in one-third increments on the second, third and fourth anniversary dates of the grant.

- The Non-Qualified Stock Option was granted pursuant to the 1990 Stock Option Plan and was initially exercisable as follows: 1,000 (4) shares on 10-23-04, 1,000 shares on 10-23-05 and 1,000 shares on 10-23-06. This option was later accelerated so that it became fully vested on 12-13-05; however, the shares cannot be sold or otherwise disposed of until the option normally would have vested.
- This Non-Qualified Stock Option was granted pursuant to the 1990 Stock Option Plan and was initially exercisable as follows: 4,667 shares on 10-29-05, 4,666 shares on 10-29-06 and 4,667 shares on 10-29-07. This option was later accelerated so that it became fully vested on 11-11-05; however, the shares cannot be sold or otherwise disposed of until the option normally would have vested.
- This Non-Qualified Stock Option was granted pursuant to the 1990 Stock Option Plan and was immediately exercisable as of the grant (6) date. However, no shares received from the exercise of the stock option grant can be sold before 4-29-2008 unless the optionee's employment is ended due to retirement, disability, death or involuntary termination.
- This Non-Qualified Stock Option was granted pursuant to the 2005 Equity Compensation Plan and was immediately exercisable as of the grant date. However, no shares received from the exercise of the stock option grant can be sold before 4-28-2009 unless the optinee's employment is ended due to retirement, disability, death or involuntary termination.
- (8) This Non-Qualified Stock Option was granted pursuant to the 2005 Equity Compensation Plan and is exercisable in one-third increments on the second, third and fourth anniversary dates of the grant.

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