

BANTA CORP
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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 *
ARMBRUSTER SARA E

(Last) (First) (Middle)
225 MAIN STREET, P. O. BOX
8003
(Street)

MENASHA, WI 54952-8003

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BANTA CORP [BN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/15/2006

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)
VP, Business Development

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2006 | | M | | 1,000 A \$ 19 | 2,204 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2006 | | F | | 524 D \$ 36.26 | 1,680 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2006 | | F | | 159 D \$ 36.26 | 1,521 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 751.16 ⁽¹⁾ | I 401(k) |

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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option | \$ 26.27 | | | | | 10/27/2004 10/27/2013 | Common Stock | 7,674 |
| Stock Option | \$ 26.54 | | | | | 10/25/2005 10/25/2014 | Common Stock | 11,512 |
| Stock Option | \$ 32.47 | | | | | 07/25/2006 07/25/2015 | Common Stock | 10,085 |
| Stock Option | \$ 35.36 | | | | | 01/29/2007 01/29/2016 | Common Stock | 6,620 |
| Stock Option | \$ 19 | 12/15/2006 | | M | 1,000 | 03/13/2004 03/13/2013 | Common Stock | 1,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ARMBRUSTER SARA E 225 MAIN STREET P. O. BOX 8003 MENASHA, WI 54952-8003 | | | VP, Business Development | |

Signatures

Ronald D. Kneezel,
Attorney-in-fact

12/19/2006

**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).
- (2) Balances and prices adjusted to reflect the special dividend of \$16.00 per share payable on November 21, 2006.
- (1) Quantity adjusted to reflect the special dividend of \$16.00 per share paid on November 21, 2006.

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