

FOREST CITY ENTERPRISES INC  
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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 \*  
 ESPOSITO MICHAEL P JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 FOREST CITY ENTERPRISES INC  
 [FCEA/FCEB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1221 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/09/2004

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

NEW YORK, NY 10020-1001

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price                                |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                   |
| Class A Common                  |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 1,494.125                                                                                     | D                                                        | (1)                               |
| Class A Common                  |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 540.237                                                                                       | D                                                        | (2)                               |
| Class A Common Stock            |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 25,500                                                                                        | D                                                        | (3)                               |
| Class A Common Stock            |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 12,450                                                                                        | D                                                        | (4)                               |

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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 (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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |                |                      |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                      | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                                             | Title          | Amount Number Shares |
| 2001 Stock Option Grant (right to buy)     | \$ 28.533                                              |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                | 03/08/2003 <sup>(5)</sup>                                | 03/08/2011                                                  | Class A Common | 10,                  |
| 2003 Stock Option Grant (right to buy)     | \$ 31                                                  |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                | 03/17/2005 <sup>(6)</sup>                                | 03/17/2013                                                  | Class A Common | 10,                  |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$ 0 <sup>(9)</sup>                                    | 12/09/2004                           |                                                    | A                              | 58.51                                                                          | 08/08/1988 <sup>(7)</sup>                                | 08/08/1988 <sup>(8)</sup>                                   | Class A Common | 2,56                 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                                 | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ESPOSITO MICHAEL P JR<br>1221 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS<br>NEW YORK, NY 10020-1001 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Geralyn M. Presti, Attorney-In-Fact for Michael P. Esposito, Jr. 12/13/2004

\_\_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) Held in a Dividend Reinvestment Account (DRIP). Received dividend; updated to reflect current holdings.
- (2) Shares which were acquired under the Forest City Enterprises, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan. Updated to add dividend reinvestment.
- (3) Held Direct - in Mr. Esposito's name in an account at Smith Barney, Paramus, NJ. Updating to show total holdings.
- (4) Held in an account at Smith Barney - Sarasota, FL. Updating to show total holdings.
- (5) 2001 Stock Option Grant - Exercise Price \$28.533 - 25% exercisable 3/08/2003; 25% exercisable 3/08/2004; 50% exercisable 3/08/2005 - Class A Common Stock - Total shares 10,800 - Held Direct.
- (6) 2003 Stock Option Grant: 25% exercisable 3/17/2005; 25% exercisable 3/17/2006; 50% exercisable 3/17/2007.
- (7) Exercisable at retirement, termination, death or disability.
- (8) No present expiration date
- (9) Phantom Stock - 1-for-1 - Deferred compensation plan contributing \$3,125 after each board of director's meeting.

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