Morningstar, Inc. Form 4 October 17, 2007

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Morningstar, Inc. [MORN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

10/15/2007

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Kaplan Steven N

> (First) (Middle)

C/O MORNINGSTAR, INC., 225 WEST WACKER DRIVE

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

CHICAGO, IL 60606

| 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to |
|---|---|
| Symbol | Issuer |

(Check all applicable)

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

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| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | le I - Non- | Derivative | e Secu | rities Acqui | red, Disposed of, | or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|--------|----------------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| _ | | | Code V | Amount | | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 10/15/2007 | | M | 8,000 | A | \$ 8.57 | 64,699 | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/15/2007 | | M | 6,000 | A | \$ 16.5676 (4) | 70,699 | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/15/2007 | | S <u>(1)</u> | 200 | D | \$ 72.19 | 70,499 | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/15/2007 | | S <u>(1)</u> | 100 | D | \$ 72.28 | 70,399 | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/15/2007 | | S <u>(1)</u> | 70 | D | \$ 72.35 | 70,329 | D | |

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| Common Stock | 10/15/2007 | S <u>(1)</u> | 400 | D | \$ 72.41 | 69,929 | D |
|-----------------|------------|--------------|-----|---|----------|--------|---|
| Common Stock | 10/15/2007 | S <u>(1)</u> | 200 | D | \$ 72.48 | 69,729 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/15/2007 | S <u>(1)</u> | 200 | D | \$ 72.49 | 69,529 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/15/2007 | S <u>(1)</u> | 200 | D | \$ 72.52 | 69,329 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/15/2007 | S <u>(1)</u> | 230 | D | \$ 72.54 | 69,099 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/15/2007 | S <u>(1)</u> | 200 | D | \$ 72.55 | 68,899 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/15/2007 | S <u>(1)</u> | 200 | D | \$ 72.56 | 68,699 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/15/2007 | S <u>(1)</u> | 200 | D | \$ 72.67 | 68,499 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/15/2007 | S <u>(1)</u> | 180 | D | \$ 72.73 | 68,319 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/15/2007 | S <u>(1)</u> | 600 | D | \$ 72.76 | 67,719 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/15/2007 | S <u>(1)</u> | 200 | D | \$ 72.77 | 67,519 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/15/2007 | S <u>(1)</u> | 600 | D | \$ 72.79 | 66,919 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/15/2007 | S(1) | 700 | D | \$ 72.85 | 66,219 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/15/2007 | S <u>(1)</u> | 16 | D | \$ 72.9 | 66,203 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/15/2007 | S <u>(1)</u> | 200 | D | \$ 72.95 | 66,003 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/15/2007 | S <u>(1)</u> | 100 | D | \$ 72.99 | 65,903 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/15/2007 | S <u>(1)</u> | 500 | D | \$ 73 | 65,403 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/15/2007 | S <u>(1)</u> | 200 | D | \$ 73.01 | 65,203 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/15/2007 | S <u>(1)</u> | 300 | D | \$ 73.03 | 64,903 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/15/2007 | S <u>(1)</u> | 200 | D | \$ 73.04 | 64,703 | D |
| | 10/15/2007 | S <u>(1)</u> | 200 | D | \$ 73.05 | 64,503 | D |

| Common Stock | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|--------------|-----|---|----------|--------|---|
| Common Stock | 10/15/2007 | S(1) | 20 | D | \$ 73.06 | 64,483 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/15/2007 | S(1) | 200 | D | \$ 73.11 | 64,283 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/15/2007 | S(1) | 200 | D | \$ 73.14 | 64,083 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/15/2007 | S <u>(1)</u> | 200 | D | \$ 73.15 | 63,883 | 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number proof 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) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 8.57 | 10/15/2007 | | M | 8,000 | <u>(3)</u> | 01/30/2013 | Common Stock | 8,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 16.5676 (4) | 10/15/2007 | | M | 6,000 | (2) | 12/01/2014 | Common Stock | 6,000 |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Kaplan Steven N C/O MORNINGSTAR, INC. 225 WEST WACKER DRIVE CHICAGO, IL 60606



Signatures

/s/ Heidi Miller, by power of attorney

10/17/2007

**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) The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on June 25, 2007.
- (2) The options became exercissable in three equal installments on January 27, 2005, 2006, and 2007.
- (3) The options became exercissable in three equal installments on January 30, 2004, 2005, and 2006.
- The exercise price increases over the term of the option at a rate equal to the 10-year Treasury bond yield as of the date of the grant (\$14.70). On October 15, 2007, the exercise price was \$16.5676.

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