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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * McCurdy Kay W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO

[AJG]

05/12/2009

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

_X__ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner _ Other (specify

ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO., TWO PIERCE PLACE

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

> > Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

ITASCA, IL 60143

(City)	(State) (Zi	p) Table 1	I - Non-Dei	rivative Se	ecurit	ies Acq	uired, Disposed o	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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or		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	05/13/2009		J	1,360	A	(1)	8,400	D	
Common Stock (restricted)	05/12/2009		A	1,762	A	<u>(2)</u>	9,722	D	
Common Stock (restricted)	05/13/2009		J	1,360	D	(1)	8,362	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 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 Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.28	05/12/2009		A	9,375	<u>(3)</u>	05/12/2016	Common Stock	9,37
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.03					<u>(4)</u>	05/15/2016	Common Stock	7,16
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.65					<u>(4)</u>	05/15/2017	Common Stock	7,33

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
McCurdy Kay W ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO. TWO PIERCE PLACE ITASCA, IL 60143	X					
Signatures						

By: Kerry S. Abbott For: Kay W.

McCurdy 05/14/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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) Vesting of restricted stock which continues to be held as common stock
- (2) Restricted stock award vesting in one year.
- (3) The stock option becomes exerciseable one year after the grant date.
- (4) The stock option becomes exercisable in four equal quarterly installments, commencing three months after the date of grant. Option expires upon death or retirement of director.

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