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

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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

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GIFFIN GORDON D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

BOWATER INC [BOW]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle) (Last)

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

X_ Director Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

55 EAST CAMPERDOWN WAY

(Street)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

04/01/2005

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

GREENVILLE, SC 29601

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Price

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year)

5. Number of 4 TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4,

and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date **Expiration Title** Amount

Exercisable Date

> Number of Shares

Phantom

Stock (2) 04/01/2005 Units (1)

498.32 Α

Common (1) (1) Stock

498.32

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

GIFFIN GORDON D 55 EAST CAMPERDOWN WAY X GREENVILLE, SC 29601

Signatures

Gordon D. 04/04/2005 Giffin

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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).
- These phantom stock units were allocated under the Deferred Compensation Plan for Outside Directors (the "Directors Plan"). The Directors Plan provides for settlement of phantom stock units in cash, Company common stock (on a 1-for-1 basis), or a combination of the two following the director's ceasing to be an outside director of the Company. Phantom stock units included in this total not otherwise accounted for by a transaction on this form were allocated under the dividend reinvestment feature of the Directors Plan.

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