

PALMER KAY J  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
PALMER KAY J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
HUNT J B TRANSPORT SERVICES INC [JBHT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
615 J.B. HUNT CORPORATE DRIVE  
(Street)  
LOWELL, AR 72745  
(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/24/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
EVP, Chief Information Officer

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/24/2012	05/24/2012	G	V 100 D \$ 56.68	63,697	D	
Common Stock (k)					12,998	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 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. F. Derivative Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>					07/15/2011	08/15/2015	Common Stock	20,996
Restricted Stock	<sup>(2)</sup>					07/15/2012	08/15/2015	Common Stock	14,000
Restricted Stock	\$ 0					07/15/2012	08/15/2016	Common Stock	15,000
Restricted Stock	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>					07/15/2015	08/15/2015	Common Stock	17,000
Restricted Stock	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>					07/15/2009	08/15/2013	Common Stock	6,800
Restricted Stock	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>					07/15/2010	08/15/2014	Common Stock	8,160
Right to Buy Stock Option	\$ 7.08					06/01/2004	10/24/2013	Common Stock	6,672
Right to Buy Stock Option	\$ 12.2					06/01/2009	10/23/2014	Common Stock	16,000
Right to Buy Stock Option	\$ 20.365					06/01/2012	10/21/2015	Common Stock	40,000

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director   10% Owner   Officer   Other

PALMER KAY J  
615 J.B. HUNT CORPORATE DRIVE  
LOWELL, AR 72745

EVP, Chief Information Officer

## Signatures

/s/ Debbie Willbanks, Attorney-in-Fact for Kay  
Palmer

05/29/2012

\_\_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 Restricted Stock Award, approved by the Company's Compensation Committee, vests over a five-year period. There is no purchase price required by the recipient in connection with this award. Termination of the recipient's employment with the Company for any reason other than death or disability shall result in forfeiture of the award on the date of termination.

The Restricted Stock Award, approved by the Company's Compensation Committee, vests over a four-year period. There is no purchase price required by the recipient in connection with the award. Termination of recipient's employment with the Company for any reason other than death or disability shall result in forfeiture of the awards on the date of termination.
  - (2) The Restricted Stock award, approved by the Company's Compensation Committee, vests over an eight-year period. There is no purchase price required by the recipient in connection with this award. Termination of the recipient's employment for any reason other than death or disability shall result in forfeiture of the award on the date of termination.
  - (3)

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