

MERCURY GENERAL CORP  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**SIMON PETER**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**MERCURY GENERAL CORP  
 [MCY]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**555 W. IMPERIAL HWY.**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/16/2006**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Vice President

**BREA, CA 92821**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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			
Common Stock	02/16/2006		S	1,000 D \$ 56.75	0	D	
Common Stock					1,843 <sup>(4)</sup>	I	ESOP Plan

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock	\$ 22.0625					12/10/2000 <sup>(1)</sup> 12/10/2009	Common Stock	1,000
Common Stock	\$ 44.8209					11/06/1999 <sup>(2)</sup> 11/06/2008	Common Stock	6,000
Common Stock	\$ 29.77					10/27/2001 <sup>(3)</sup> 10/27/2010	Common Stock	4,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SIMON PETER 555 W. IMPERIAL HWY. BREA, CA 92821			Vice President	

## Signatures

Judy Walters, Attorney-in-Fact for Pete Simon  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

02/16/2006  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 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) Options granted 12/10/99, vested 20% per year for five years

(2) Options granted 11/6/98, vested 20% per year for five years

(3) Options granted 10/27/00, vested 20% per year for five years

(4) Includes ESOP allocations and dispositions since last report

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