

MERCANTILE BANK CORP  
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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 \*  
**PRICE MICHAEL H**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**MERCANTILE BANK CORP [MBWM]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/25/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman, President and CEO

**MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION, 310 LEONARD STREET NW**

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504**

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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) Price			
Common Stock	11/25/2008		A	2,960 A \$ 0	51,417 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					10,529 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	401(k) 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.21	11/25/2008		A	11,260	<sup>(3)</sup> 11/24/2015	Common Stock	11,260

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PRICE MICHAEL H MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION 310 LEONARD STREET NW GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504	X		Chairman, President and CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Jerome M. Schwartz  
Attorney-in-fact  
11/25/2008  
Date

\*\*Signature of 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).
- (1) Includes shares that Mr. Price acquired by reinvesting cash dividends under the issuer's dividend reinvestment plan since his last report of common stock ownership.
- (2) Includes shares Mr. Price acquired pursuant to the issuer's 401(k) plan since his last report of common stock ownership.
- (3) This option becomes exercisable for 9,000 shares on January 1, 2011, and for the remaining 2,260 shares on January 1, 2012.

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