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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 12/06/2005 A 46.354 ⁽¹⁾ A \$ 32.36 8,023.697 ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾ 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nature of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GEARY RONALD G 10140 LINN STATION ROAD LOUISVILLE, KY 40223		X		

Signatures

Ronald G. Geary, By: T. Richard Riney, Attorney-In-Fact 12/08/2005

**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).
Common Stock in the form of Units granted under the Non-Employee Director Deferred Stock Compensation Plan ("Plan") in lieu of
- (1) Director committee meeting fees pursuant to the Director's deferral election. Such Units are payable solely in Common Stock and subject to the terms and conditions of the Director's deferral election and the Plan.
- (2) Includes 20,348 Units acquired on October 5, 2005 under the Ventas Nonemployee Director Deferred Stock Compensation Plan as a result of dividend equivalents credited with respect to dividend paid on October 5, 2005.
- (3) As of December 6, 2005, Reporting Person also owns options to purchase 45,000 shares of Issuer's common stock.

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