FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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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)  (Month/Day/Year)  3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  Securities Beneficially Owned Following (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership				
Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)				
Common Stock         17,460         D					
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)					
1. Title of Derivative (Instr. 3)  2. Conversion or Exercise (Month/Day/Year)  Security (Instr. 3)  2. Conversion or Exercise (Month/Day/Year)  3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)  3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)  4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  3. Deemed Execution Date (Month/Day/Year)  5. Number of Derivative Securities (Month/Day/Year)  6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  7. Title and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  8. Price of Derivative Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3)  9. Number of derivative Securities Underlying Derivative Securities (Instr. 4)  9. Number of Derivative Securities (Month/Day/Year)  10. Ownersh form:  10. Ownersh form:  11. Title and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  12. Title and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  13. Transaction (Date (Instr. 5)  14. Title and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  15. Number of Derivative Securities (Instr. 5)  16. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  16. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  17. Title and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  18. Price of Derivative Securities (Instr. 5)  19. Number of derivative Securities (Instr. 5)  10. Ownersh form:  10. Ownersh form:  10. Ownersh form:  11. Title and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  12. Title and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  13. Transaction (Date (Instr. 5)  14. Title and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  15. Number of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)  16. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  18. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)  19. Number of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)  19. Number of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)  10. Ownersh form:  10. Title and Amount of Securities (Instr. 5)  10. Ownersh form:  10. Owners	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				
Code V (A) (D) Exercisable Date Title Shares					
Phantom Stock (1) 08/06/2018 A 73 (2) (3) Common 73 \$48.3355 13,681 D	†				

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Each Phantom stock unit exercises into 1 share of common Stock.
- 2. Phantom stock is exercisable after the directors' retirement as a Board member.
- 3. Phantom shares expire after the directors' retirement as a Board member.

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08/07/2018

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  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).

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