UNITED FIRE GROUP INC

securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

Form 5

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	2,190.9809
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.46	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(3)	05/19/2020	Common Stock	2,727
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.78	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(3)	05/21/2018	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.095	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(4)	05/16/2022	Common Stock	2,145
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.925	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(5)	05/15/2023	Common Stock	1,755
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.4	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(6)	02/18/2021	Common Stock	2,727
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.28	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(3)	11/16/2017	Common Stock	2,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	r		
HULTQUIST DOUGLAS M	ÂX	Â	Â	Â			
118 2ND AVE SE							

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CEDAR RAPIDS. IAÂ 52401-1212

Signatures

/s/ Douglas M. Hultquist by Michael T. Wilkins, Attorney-in-Fact

02/12/2016

**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).
- The number of shares beneficially held directly by the Reporting Person includes: 5431 shares held by Mr. Hultquist individually and shares of restricted stock issued to Mr. Hultquist under the Issuer's Non-Qualified Non-Employee Director Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan, including 857 shares that vest in equal installments on 5/21/2016 and 5/21/2017, and 1438 shares that vest in equal installments on 5/20/2016, 5/20/2017 and 5/20/2018.
- Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of the Issuer's common stock. The shares of phantom stock become payable, in cash, in one lump sum or prorated over five years, at the election of the Reporting Person, upon the Reporting Person's termination of service as a director.
- (3) All options currently exercisable.
- (4) 1287 options currently exercisable. Remaining options become vested and exercisable in equal installments on 5/16/2016 and 5/16/2017, respectively.
- (5) 702 options currently exercisable. Remaining options become vested and exercisable in equal installments on 5/15/2016, 5/15/2017 and 5/15/2018, respectively.
- (6) 2182 options currently exercisable. Remaining options become vested and exercisable on 02/18/2016.

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