

MERCURY GENERAL CORP

Form 4

February 16, 2006

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**SIMON PETER**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**555 W. IMPERIAL HWY.**

(Street)

**BREA, CA 92821**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

**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)	
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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	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 02/16/2006

\_\_\_\_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).

(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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