MERCURY GENERAL CORP

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * McCathron Richard | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| | MERCURY GENERAL CORP | (Check all applicable) | | |

8240 N. MOPAC EXPRESSWAY,

(First)

(Middle)

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

05/29/2007

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) Vice President

#215

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

AUSTIN, TX 78759

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | le I - Non-l | Derivative | Secu | rities Acqu | ired, Disposed of | , or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|------------|------|--|--|---|------------------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | (A) or | | 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) | |
| Common Stock | 05/29/2007 | | M | 3,000 | A | \$ 51.365 | 3,190 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 650 | I | ESOP Plan (1) |
| Common Stock | 05/29/2007 | | S | 3,000 | D | \$ 56.183 | 190 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/29/2007 | | M | 4,000 | A | \$ 51.43 | 4,190 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/29/2007 | | S | 4,000 | D | \$ 56.183 | 190 (2) | D | |

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative 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 Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|-------|--|--------------------|--|------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amou or Numb of Sha |
| Common Stock | \$ 51.43 | 10/29/2004 | | A | 10,000 | | 10/29/2005 | 10/29/2014 | Common Stock | 10,0 |
| Common Stock | \$ 51.43 | 05/29/2007 | | S | | 4,000 | 10/29/2005 | 10/29/2014 | Common Stock | 4,00 |
| Common Stock | \$ 51.365 | 04/30/2004 | | A | 5,000 | | 04/30/2005 | 04/30/2014 | Common Stock | 5,00 |
| Common Stock | \$ 51.365 | 05/29/2007 | | S | | 3,000 | 04/30/2005 | 04/30/2014 | Common Stock | 3,00 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

McCathron Richard

8240 N. MOPAC EXPRESSWAY, #215 Vice President

AUSTIN, TX 78759

Signatures

Judy Walters, Attorney-In-Fact for Richard
McCathron

05/31/2007

**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) Allocations and disposition since last report
- (2) 190 shares held as joint tenant with wife

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