Benz James W Form 4 June 06, 2006

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1(b).

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

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Benz James W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

66 FIELD POINT ROAD

(Street)

GREENWICH, CT 06830

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

GENESEE & WYOMING INC [GWR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 06/02/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Chief Operating Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

Code (Instr. 8)

3.

TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

4. Securities

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Class A Common

par value

06/02/2006 Stock, \$.01

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.37	06/02/2006		A	9,944	(2)	06/02/2011	Class A Common Stock, \$.01 par value	9,944

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Benz James W

66 FIELD POINT ROAD Chief Operating Officer

GREENWICH, CT 06830

Signatures

Allison M. Fergus, Attorney in Fact for James W.
Benz

**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) This restricted stock award was granted under the Genesee & Wyoming Inc. 2004 Omnibus Incentive Plan and will vest in three equal annual installments, beginning June 2, 2007.
- (2) This option award was granted under the Genesee & Wyoming Inc. 2004 Omnibus Incentive Plan and is fully vested.

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