

Morningstar, Inc.  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Phillips Donald James II

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O MORNINGSTAR, INC., 225  
WEST WACKER DRIVE  
(Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60606

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Morningstar, Inc. [MORN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/27/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	12/27/2007		M		17,500 A \$ 2.77	324,036	D
Common Stock	12/27/2007		S <sup>(1)</sup>		500 D \$ 76.67	323,536	D
Common Stock	12/27/2007		S <sup>(1)</sup>		200 D \$ 76.75	323,336	D
Common Stock	12/27/2007		S <sup>(1)</sup>		100 D \$ 76.78	323,236	D
Common Stock	12/27/2007		S <sup>(1)</sup>		300 D \$ 76.81	322,936	D

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Common Stock	12/27/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	200	D	\$ 76.92	322,736	D
Common Stock	12/27/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 76.96	322,636	D
Common Stock	12/27/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 76.97	322,536	D
Common Stock	12/27/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 76.99	322,436	D
Common Stock	12/27/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	300	D	\$ 77	322,136	D
Common Stock	12/27/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	300	D	\$ 77.17	321,836	D
Common Stock	12/27/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	600	D	\$ 77.2	321,236	D
Common Stock	12/27/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 77.54	321,136	D
Common Stock	12/27/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 77.58	321,036	D
Common Stock	12/27/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	400	D	\$ 77.6	320,636	D
Common Stock	12/27/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	300	D	\$ 77.7	320,336	D
Common Stock	12/27/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	77.74	D	\$ 100	320,236	D
Common Stock	12/27/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 77.75	320,136	D
Common Stock	12/27/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	300	D	\$ 77.8	319,836	D
Common Stock	12/27/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	300	D	\$ 77.82	319,536	D
Common Stock	12/27/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	250	D	\$ 77.83	319,286	D
Common Stock	12/27/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	150	D	\$ 77.85	319,136	D
Common Stock	12/27/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	300	D	\$ 77.89	318,836	D
Common Stock	12/27/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	400	D	\$ 77.9	318,436	D
Common Stock	12/27/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	200	D	\$ 77.94	318,236	D
	12/27/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	300	D		317,936	D

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Common Stock						\$ 78.08		
Common Stock	12/27/2007	S <sup>(1)</sup>	100	D		\$ 78.17	317,836	D
Common Stock	12/27/2007	S <sup>(1)</sup>	300	D		\$ 78.24	317,536	D
Common Stock	12/27/2007	S <sup>(1)</sup>	300	D		\$ 78.26	317,236	D
Common Stock	12/27/2007	S <sup>(1)</sup>	200	D		\$ 78.28	317,036	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)

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.77	12/27/2007		M	17,500 (2)	(3)	02/15/2009	Common	17,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Phillips Donald James II C/O MORNINGSTAR, INC. 225 WEST WACKER DRIVE CHICAGO, IL 60606	X		Managing Director	

## Signatures

/s/ Heidi Miller, by power of  
attorney

12/31/2007

\_\_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) The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on May 9, 2006.
  - (2) Pursuant to the terms of a Deferred Compensation Agreement entered into between Morningstar, Inc. and the reporting person, upon the exercise of these options Morningstar, Inc. will pay to the reporting person \$2.69 per share in the form of cash.
  - (3) The options became immediately exercisable on the grant date, February 15, 1999.

### Remarks:

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