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| obligation may contin <i>See</i> Instruct 1(b). | s Section 17(a) | uant to Section 1) of the Public U 30(h) of the In | tility Hold | ling Com | pany Act o | of 1935 or Sectio | n | | |
| (Print or Type R | esponses) | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Name and Ac PIPPINS DA | ldress of Reporting P KOTA A | Symbol | er Name and IEL FOOD | | - | 5. Relationship of Issuer (Chec | f Reporting Per | | |
| (Last) | (First) (M | | of Earliest Tra | ansaction | | _X_ Director | 10% | 6 Owner | |
| 1 HORMEL | | | Day/Year) | | | Officer (give below) | | er (specify | |
| | (Street) | 4. If Am | endment, Da | te Original | | 6. Individual or Jo | oint/Group Filin | ng(Check | |
| AUSTIN, MI | N 55912 | | nth/Day/Year) | - | | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | |
| | | | | | | Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) (Z | Zip) Tab | le I - Non-D | erivative S | ecurities Ac | quired, Disposed of | f, or Beneficia | lly Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code | 4. Securit onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 | (A) or of (D) | Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| Common | | | Code V | Amount | (A)or(D) Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 8,898 <u>(3)</u> | 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | TransactiorDerivative Code Securities | | 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 | |
| Phantom Stock Units | <u>(1)</u> | 09/30/2007 | | А | 190.75 | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | Common Stock | 3,134.89 (2) | \$ |

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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| PIPPINS DAKOTA A 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912 | Х | | | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | |
| Dakota A. Pippins, by Power o Attorney | f | 10/01 | /2007 | | | |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | | Da | te | | | |

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).

Each share of phantom stock is the equivalent of one share of common stock. The shares of phantom stock become payable in common stock in one lump sum, or in up to five annual installments, at the election of the reporting person, on February 15 of the year following

- termination of service as a director, or such later date as is elected by the reporting person. In addition, the shares of phantom stock become payable in common stock in one lump sum immediately prior to the effective date of a transaction constituting a change of control (as defined in the Plan).
- (2) Reflects additional phantom stock units received by the reporting person upon conversion of dividend equivalents from June 30, 2007 to the present.
- (3) Of the shares being reported, 8,445 are subject to certain restrictions (including possible forfeiture) applicable to restricted stock grants under the 2000 Stock Incentive Plan and the Restricted Stock Award Agreements.

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