VORPAHL LARRY L Form 4/A

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FORM 4

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

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

VORPAHL	LARRY L	-	Symbol	EL FOOI			C	Issuer (Chec	k all applicable)	
(Last) 1 HORMEL	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of (Month/E) 12/03/2	•	ransaction			DirectorX Officer (give below) Group		Owner r (specify	
				mendment, Date Original Month/Day/Year) 5/2007				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	le I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Yea	r) Execution any		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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	12/03/2007			M	2,500	A	\$ 22.35	23,354	D		
Common Stock	12/03/2007			M	22,500	A	\$ 26.93	45,854	D		
Common Stock	12/03/2007			F	16,648	D	\$ 39.75	29,206	D		
Common Stock	12/03/2007			F	3,467	D	\$ 39.75	25,739 (4)	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)	(A) or Dis (D)			7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amous or Numbor of Sha
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.35	12/03/2007		M <u>(1)</u>		2,500	(2)	12/02/2012	Common Stock	2,50
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.93	12/03/2007		M <u>(1)</u>		22,500	(3)	12/02/2013	Common Stock	22,50
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 40.14	12/04/2007		A	45,000		<u>(5)</u>	12/04/2017	Common Stock	45,00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiationsnips						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
VORPAHL LARRY L							
1 HORMEL PLACE			Group Vice President				
AUSTIN, MN 55912							

Signatures

Larry L. Vorpahl, by Power of Attorney 12/05/2007

**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) Reporting Person has exercised Stock Withholding Rights in connection with this option exercise, as reflected on Table I.

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- (2) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 2, 2003.
- (3) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 2, 2004.
- (4) Reporting Person holds indirectly 833.59 shares in the JEPST Trust.
- (5) The option will vest in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 4, 2008.

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