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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. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PATRACUOLLA JAMES D			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol UST INC [UST]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last) C/O UST INC PUTNAM AV		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/21/2004	(Check all applicable) Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specif below) VP & Controller		
GREENWICH	(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 Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acquir	ed, 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securition Dispose (Instr. 3, 4)	ed of (` ′	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	12/21/2004		M	15,000	A	\$ 28.3438	43,600	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2004		M	8,000	A	\$ 28.4063	51,600	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2004		S	23,000	D	\$ 48.0096	32,585 <u>(1)</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. Transaction 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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shar
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.3438	12/21/2004		M	15,000	05/03/2000(2)	05/02/2009	common stock	15,00
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.4063	12/21/2004		M	8,000	10/28/2000(3)	10/27/2009	common stock	8,00

Reporting Owners

	Relationships
Reporting Owner Name / Address	_

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PATRACUOLLA JAMES D C/O UST INC. 100 WEST PUTNAM AVENUE GREENWICH, CT 06830

VP & Controller

Signatures

James D.

Patracuolla 12/21/2004

**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) Includes a total of 3,526 shares held in the UST Inc. Employees' Savings Plan and 459 shares held in the UST Dividend Reinvestment Plan as of this date.
- (2) Ratably over a three year period commencing 5/03/2000.

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(3) Ratably over a three year period commencing 10/28/2000.

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