COGGIN D GERALD

Form 5

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Shares of Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	104	I	Family Partnership
Shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	263,181	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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 $\label{thm:convertible} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

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)		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Securi (Instr.	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
					(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiauonsnips				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
COGGIN D GERALD	_	_			
1942 DILTON-MANKIN ROAD	Â	Â	Sr. V.P., Corp Relations	Â	
MURFREESBORO, TN 37127					

Signatures

D. Gerald	02/09/2010
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**Signature of	Date
Reporting Person	

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- * 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 36 shares acquired pursuant to Employee Stock Purchase Plan, 2009 Plan Year.

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