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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

1(b).

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *Lyons Dianne M	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY CO [UFCS]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 118 SECOND AVENUE SE, P.O. BOX 73909	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/05/2010	Director 10% Owner Other (specify below) VP/Chief Financial Officer			
(Street) CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909	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)	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. Tran Code (Instr.	nsaction 8)	4. Securi (A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	01/05/2010	01/08/2010	P	V(1)(2)	3	A	\$ 17.56	3,661 (3)	D	
Common Stock	01/06/2010		P	V(4)(5)	12	A	\$ 17.31	3,673 <u>(6)</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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amoun	t of	Derivative	Deriv
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Lyons Dianne M 118 SECOND AVENUE SE P.O. BOX 73909 **CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909**

VP/Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Dianne M. 01/08/2010 Lyons

Date **Signature of Reporting Person

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) Shares acquired through participation in Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (2) This transaction is expempt under Rule 16a-11 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is voluntarily reported.
- Total number of shares held following the reported transaction includes: 2,151 shares of restricted stock issued under Company's 2008 (3) Stock Plan, which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 05/21/2013; 1,110 shares held in the Company's Employee Stock Ownership Plan for Ms. Lyon's benefit; and 400 shares held of record by Ms. Lyons in a direct registration account.
- Shares acquired through participation in Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- This transaction qualifies as a small acquisition under Rule 16a-6 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is voluntarily reported **(5)**

Total number of shares held following the reported transaction includes: 2,151 shares of restricted stock issued under Company's 2008 (6) Stock Plan, which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 05/21/2013; 1,110 shares held in the Company's Employee Stock Ownership Plan for Ms. Lyon's benefit; and 412 shares held of record by Ms. Lyons in a direct registration account.

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