

Bitzer Marc R
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Bitzer Marc R

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2000 M-63N
(Street)

BENTON HARBOR, MI 49022

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
WHIRLPOOL CORP /DE/ [WHR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/15/2013

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
PRESIDENT WHIRLPOOL NA

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 02/15/2013 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | | 26,194 | A | (\$) |
| Common Stock | 02/15/2013 | | F | | 10,805 | D | \$ 111.33 |
| Common Stock | | | | | 9,983 | I | By trust for reporting person |
| Common Stock | | | | | 7,140 | I | By trusts for immediate family |

| | | | |
|--------------|---------|---|---------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 703.114 | I | members 401(k) Stock Fund |
|--------------|---------|---|---------------------------------|

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 Derivative 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--------|--|-----------------|---|
| | | | | | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | |
| Restricted Stock Units | <u>1</u> | 02/15/2013 | | M | | 26,194 | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | Common 26, |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 111.33 | 02/18/2013 | | A ⁽²⁾ | | 31,887 | <u>(2)</u> | 02/18/2023 | Common 31, |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Bitzer Marc R 2000 M-63N BENTON HARBOR, MI 49022 | | | PRESIDENT WHIRLPOOL NA | |

Signatures

/s/ Bridget K. Quinn
Attorney-in-Fact

02/20/2013

 **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) Vesting of restricted stock unit award for the 2010 performance period made under the Whirlpool Corporation Omnibus Stock and Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- (2) Options will vest and become exercisable as follows: one-third on 02/18/2014; one-third on 02/18/2015; and one-third on 02/18/2016.

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