

Crouch Nora N
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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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)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Crouch Nora N</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O MARKEL CORPORATION,Â 4521 HIGHWOODS PARKWAY</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>GLEN ALLEN,Â VAÂ 23060</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>05/10/2010</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>MARKEL CORP [MKL]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p>____ Director ____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer ____ Other (give title below) (specify below) Controller and CAO</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>
<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>				

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	416.4802	D	Â
Common Stock	147.443	I	401(K) Plan ⁽¹⁾

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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(Instr. 4)				Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Crouch Nora N C/O MARKEL CORPORATION 4521 HIGHWOODS PARKWAY GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060	Â	Â	Â Controller and CAO	Â

Signatures

/s/ Linda S. Rotz, Attorney-in-fact for Nora N.
Crouch

05/19/2010

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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Holdings under the Markel Corporation 401(K) Plan are reported in units. The information reported herein is based on a plan information (1) dated as of May 10, 2010 and utilizes the closing stock price on that date of \$355.80. As of May 10, 2010, a unit under the Plan represented one share of Common Stock.

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