

NORDQUIST LANE C
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
NORDQUIST LANE C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
HICKORY TECH CORP [HTCO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
221 EAST HICKORY STREET, PO BOX 3248
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/14/2012

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
Vice President

MANKATO, MN 56002-3241

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	11/14/2012		M	3,333 A \$ 8.02	37,710 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock					6,312	I	Rabbi Trust

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.02	11/14/2012		M	3,333	01/16/2006 ⁽²⁾ 02/15/2013	Common Stock 3,333

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NORDQUIST LANE C 221 EAST HICKORY STREET PO BOX 3248 MANKATO, MN 56002-3241			Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ David A. Christensen, Attorney-in-Fact for Lane C.
Nordquist
11/16/2012

_____*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 shares of stock acquired under the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan as of November 16, 2012.
- (2) Grant date: February 15, 2003. 1,667 shares vested and exercisable on February 16, 2004; 1,666 shares vested and exercisable on January 16, 2005; 1,666 shares vested and exercisable on January 16, 2006.

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