HICKORY TECH CORP

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and A	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol					Č	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer					
	HICKORY TECH CORP [HTCO]					CO]	(Check all applicable)					
(Last)	(First) (1	Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction									
221 EAST HICKORY STREET, PO			(Month/Day/Year)						Director		Owner or (specify	
	01/08/2014						_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)					
BOX 3248									Vice President			
	(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)						Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person			
MANKATO, MN 56002-3241									Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Noi	n-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Executio	med on Date, if Day/Year)	Code (Instr.		4. Security on (A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	01/08/2014			M		5,000	A	\$ 11.68	48,548 (2)	D		
Common Stock									6,778	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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities		Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			ŕ		
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to buy)	\$ 11.68	01/08/2014		M	5,000	02/15/2007(1)	02/15/2014	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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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

01/10/2014

**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) Grant date: February 15, 2004. 1,667 shares vested and exercisable on February 15, 2005; 1,667 shares vested and exercisable on February 15, 2006; 1,666 shares vested and exercisable on February 15, 2007.
- (2) Includes shares of stock acquired under the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Program as of August 31, 2013.

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