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| March 13, 2012 | Л | | | | | PPROVAL | | |
| | UNITEDS | UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 | | | | | | |
| Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b). Statement OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP (SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 193 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Securities 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 | | | | | Estimated average burden hours per response 0.5 | | | |
| (Print or Type Res | ponses) | | | | | | | |
| 1. Name and Add PETERSON R | ress of Reporting Po ROBERT A | Symbol | r Name and Ticker or Trading | 5. Relationship of Issuer | Reporting Per | rson(s) to | | |
| (Last) | (First) (Mi | | f Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | | | |
| N86 W12500 CROSSING | WESTBROOK | (Month/E 03/09/2 | • | _X_ Director10% Owner Officer (give titleOther (specify below)below) | | | | |
| MENOMONE | (Street) EE FALLS, WI 5 | Filed(Mor | ndment, Date Original nth/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by 0 Form filed by M | One Reporting P | erson | | |
| (City) | | 7:) | | Person | | | | |
| 1.Title of 2 | 2. Transaction Date Month/Day/Year) | 1 401 | e I - Non-Derivative Securities Ad 3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | - | | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | I | By IRA | | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | 3,000 <u>(1)</u> | I | By Trust for Benefit of Son | | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | 3,000 <u>(1)</u> | I | By Trust for Benefit of Daughter | | |
| Class A | | | | 7,643 | D | | | |

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Common Stock

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) | 4. Transact Code (Instr. 8) | tionof Deri) Secu Acq (A) Disp of (I | osed)) r. 3, 4, | Expiration E (Month/Day | Date | 7. Title and J Underlying S (Instr. 3 and | Securities | 8. Price o Derivativ Security (Instr. 5) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| | | | Code V | V (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Phantom Stock (2) | <u>(3)</u> | 03/09/2012 | А | 57: | 5 | (2) | (2) | Class A Common Stock | 575 | \$ 28.2 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| PETERSON ROBERT A N86 W12500 WESTBROOK CROSSING MENOMONEE FALLS, WI 53051 | Х | | | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | |
| /s/ Eric Orsic as | | | | | | |

| 75/ LITE OTSIC, as | 03/13/2012 |
|--------------------|------------|
| Attorney-in-Fact | 05/15/2012 |
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<u>**</u>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) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the trust.

(2)

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Pursuant to the Outside Director's Deferred Compensation Plan, the phantom stock units are settled in stock generally following the director's termination of service.

(3) The phantom stock is converted 1 for 1 into shares of Class A Common Stock.

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