

MERCURY GENERAL CORP
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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 *
SIMON PETER

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MERCURY GENERAL CORP
[MCY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
555 W. IMPERIAL HWY.
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/08/2007

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Vice President

BREA, CA 92821

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2007 | | M | 6,000 A \$ 44.8209 | 0 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,196 ⁽⁴⁾ | I | ESOP Plan |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2007 | | S | 6,000 D \$ 52.5417 | 0 | D | |

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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Common Stock | \$ 22.0625 | 05/12/2006 | | M | 1,000 | 12/10/2000 ⁽¹⁾ 12/10/2009 | Common Stock | 1,000 |
| Common Stock | \$ 44.8209 | 03/08/2007 | | M | 6,000 | 11/06/1999 ⁽²⁾ 11/06/2008 | Common Stock | 6,000 |
| Common Stock | \$ 29.77 | 02/15/2007 | | M | 4,000 | 10/27/2001 ⁽³⁾ 10/27/2010 | Common Stock | 4,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SIMON PETER 555 W. IMPERIAL HWY. BREA, CA 92821 | | | Vice President | |

Signatures

Judy Walters, Attorney-in-Fact for Pete Simon
03/12/2007
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) Options granted 12/10/99, vested 20% per year for five years
- (2) Options granted 11/6/98, vested 20% per year for five years
- (3) Options granted 10/27/00, vested 20% per year for five years
- (4) Includes ESOP allocations and dispositions since last report

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