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| Form 5<br>obligations<br>may contir<br><i>See</i> Instruct<br>1(b).       | Section 1                      | 7(a) of t                                | to Section 16(<br>the Public Util<br>)(h) of the Inve | ity Holdin  | ng Comp                | any .                                | Act of  | 1935 or Section  | 1  |           |  |
| (Print or Type Re   | esponses)                      |  |   |   |                        |                                      |   |  |  |           |  |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u><br>GAULT JAMES S         |                                |  | Symbol  | GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO   |                        |                                      |   | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to<br>Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)  |  |           |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER &<br>CO., TWO PIERCE PLACE |                                |  | (Month/Day  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>03/04/2009 |                        |                                      |   | Director10% Owner<br>XOfficer (give titleOther (specify<br>below) below)<br>Vice President   |  |           |  |
| ITASCA. IL  |                                |  |   | . If Amendment, Date Original<br>Filed(Month/Day/Year)            |                        |                                      |   | <ul> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</li> <li>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person</li> <li> Form filed by More than One Reporting</li> </ul> |  |           |  |
| (City)  | (State)                        | (Zip)                                    |   |   | • • • •                | •                                    |   | Person   |  |           |  |
|   |                                | -  |   |   |                        |                                      | es Acq  | uired, Disposed of   |  | •         |  |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                                      | 2. Transaction<br>(Month/Day/Y | (ear) Ex                                 | ecution Date, if                                      |   | Disposed<br>(Instr. 3, | (A) c<br>of (D<br>4 and<br>(A)<br>or | ))<br>5)  | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)   | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) |           |  |
| Common<br>Stock<br>(restricted)   | 03/04/2009                     |  |   | Code V<br>A   | Amount 2,797           | (D)<br>A                             | Price<br>( <u>1</u> )                             | 6,300  | D  |           |  |
| Common<br>Stock   |                                |  |   |   |                        |                                      |   | 6,689  | D  |           |  |
| Common<br>Stock   |                                |  |   |   |                        |                                      |   | 56,000   | I  | by Spouse |  |
| Common<br>Stock   |                                |  |   |   |                        |                                      |   | 63,865   | Ι  | by Trust  |  |

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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transactio<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5.<br>orNumber<br>of<br>Derivativ<br>Securitie:<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 5                |                    | 7. Title and A<br>Underlying S<br>(Instr. 3 and | Securitie                    |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|------------------|--------------------|---|------------------------------|
|   |   |   |   | Code V                                 | (A) (D)  | Date Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amou<br>or<br>Numb<br>of Sha |
| Long Puts<br>(right to sell)                        | \$ 23.76  |   |   |  |  | (3)              | 03/05/2018         | Common<br>Stock                                 | 8,08                         |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)     | \$ 18.5   |   |   |  |  | (4)              | 06/20/2010         | Common<br>Stock                                 | 20,00                        |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)     | \$ 22.7   |   |   |  |  | <u>(4)</u>       | 07/21/2012         | Common<br>Stock                                 | 25,0                         |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)     | \$ 24.9   |   |   |  |  | 01/01/2004(4)    | 07/16/2013         | Common<br>Stock                                 | 35,0                         |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)     | \$ 26.5   |   |   |  |  | (4)              | 07/19/2011         | Common<br>Stock                                 | 20,00                        |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)     | \$ 27.25  |   |   |  |  | (4)              | 07/20/2015         | Common<br>Stock                                 | 35,0                         |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)     | \$ 28.65  |   |   |  |  | (3)              | 05/15/2017         | Common<br>Stock                                 | 7,58                         |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)     | \$ 29.42  |   |   |  |  | <u>(4)</u>       | 07/21/2014         | Common<br>Stock                                 | 35,0                         |

### **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |            |                |       |  |  |  |
|--|---------------|------------|----------------|-------|--|--|--|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner  | Officer        | Other |  |  |  |
| GAULT JAMES S<br>ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO.<br>TWO PIERCE PLACE<br>ITASCA, IL 60143 |               |            | Vice President |       |  |  |  |
| Signatures   |               |            |                |       |  |  |  |
| By: Kerry S. Abbott For: James S. Gault  |               | 03/10/2009 |                |       |  |  |  |
| <b>**</b> 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) Restricted stock award vesting in four years.
- (2) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities pursuant to Rule 16a-1(a)(4). This report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is, for purposes of Section 16 or otherwise, the beneficial owner of such securities.
- (3) The stock option becomes exercisable 20% each year on the anniversary of the grant date.
- (4) The stock option becomes exercisable 10% each year, commencing January 1 after the date of grant.

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