

Fuller Rodger D  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Fuller Rodger D

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
ONE NORTH SECOND STREET  
(Street)

HARTSVILLE, SC 29550

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [SON]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/10/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP GLOBAL RIGID PAPER&CLOSURE

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

**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 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  | (D)  | Price                             |

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) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Underlying Securities |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|
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| (Instr. 3)   | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) |      |     |                     |                    |                 |  |      |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|------|
|  |                                    |                  | Code       | V   | (A)  | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |      |
| Dividend<br>Equivalents<br>on<br>Restricted<br>Stock Units | (1)                                | 12/10/2009       | A          |   | 35.8 |     | (2)                 | (2)                | Common<br>Stock | 35.8                                   | \$ 2 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                     | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| Fuller Rodger D<br>ONE NORTH SECOND STREET<br>HARTSVILLE, SC 29550 |               |           | VP GLOBAL RIGID PAPER&CLOSURE |       |

## Signatures

By: Power Of Attorney-George S. Hartley For: Rodger D.  
Fuller

12/14/2009

\_\_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).

Settlement of dividend equivalent rights in connection with conversation of derivative security and subsequent issuance of shares. The

(1) rights accrued when and as dividends were paid on Sonoco Products Company common stock and become payable proportionately with the Restricted Stock Units to when they relate.

(2) The dividend equivalent rights become exercisable appropriately with the options to which it is related. Each dividend equivalent right is the economic equivalent of one share of Sonoco Products Company common stock.

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