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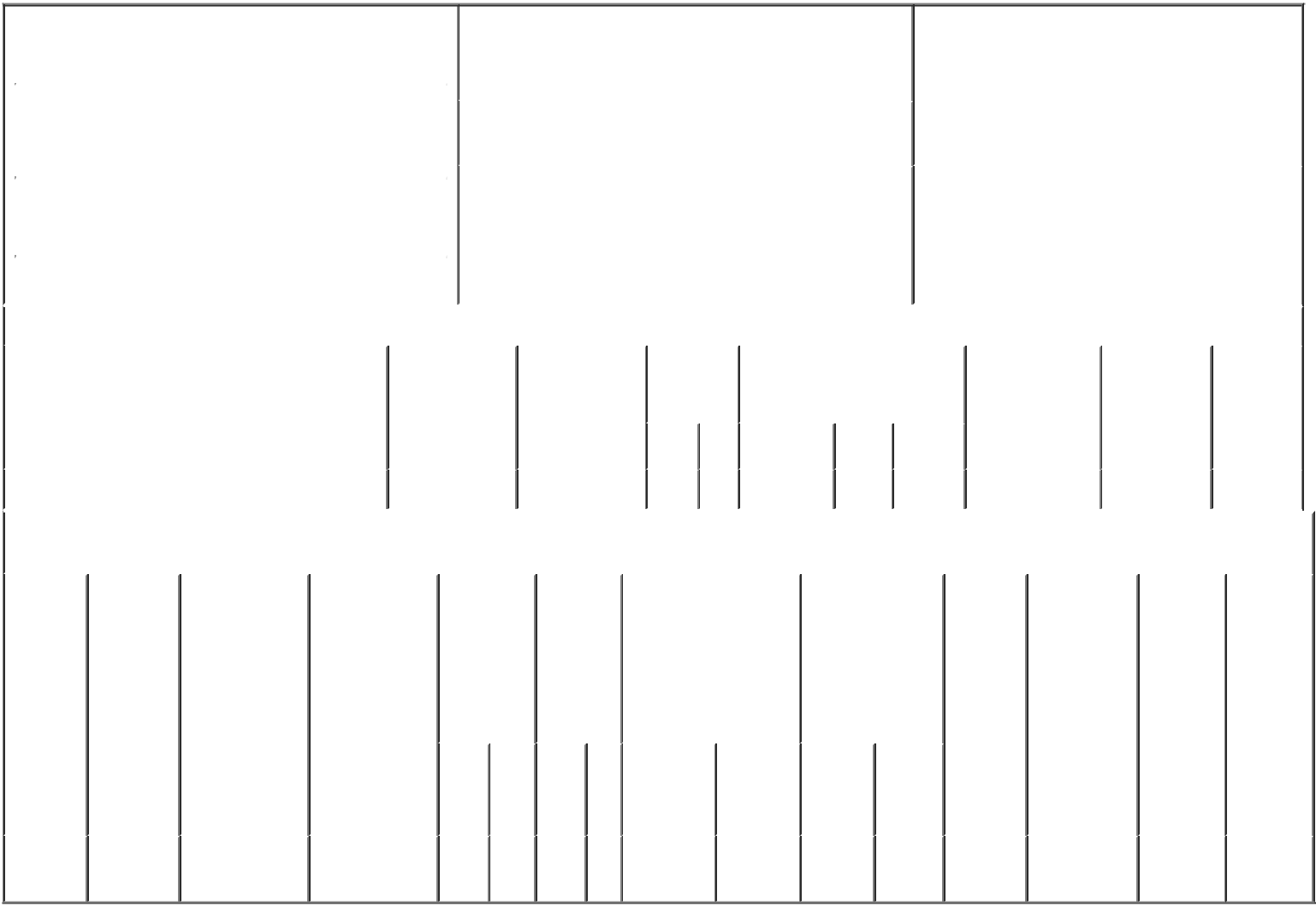
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|  | 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\* | | | | | |  |  |  | 2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol | | | | | | |  |  |  |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | | | | | | | | | |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  | **Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | **1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)** | | | | | **2. Transaction** | | | | | **2A. Deemed** | | **3.** | |  | **4. Securities Acquired (A) or** | | | | | | |  |  | **5. Amount of** | | **6. Ownership** | | **7. Nature** | | | |  |
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|  | Common Stock | | |  |  | 12/27/2016 | | | | |  |  |  | A |  | 169 | A | |  | $0(1) | | |  | 24,265 | | |  | D |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | **Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | **(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | **1. Title of** | | **2.** | **3. Transaction** | | **3A. Deemed** | **4.** | |  |  | **5. Number** | | **6. Date Exercisable and** | | | | **7. Title and** | |  |  |  |  | **8. Price of** | | | **9. Number of** | | **10.** | **11. Nature** | | | |  |
|  | **Derivative** | | **Conversion** | **Date** | | **Execution Date,** | **Transaction** | | | | **of** |  | **Expiration Date** | | |  | **Amount of** | |  |  |  |  | **Derivative** | | | **derivative** |  | **Ownership** | **of Indirect** | | | |  |
|  | **Security** | | **or Exercise** | **(Month/Day/Year)** | | **if any** | **Code (Instr.** | | | | **Derivative** | | **(Month/Day/Year)** | | |  | **Securities** | |  |  |  |  | **Security** | | | **Securities** |  | **Form:** | **Beneficial** | | | |  |
|  | **(Instr. 3)** | | **Price of** |  |  | **(Month/Day/Year)** | **8)** | | |  | **Securities** | |  |  |  |  | **Underlying** | |  |  |  |  | **(Instr. 5)** | | | **Beneficially** | | **Direct (D)** | **Ownership** | | | |  |
|  |  |  | **Derivative** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Acquired** | |  |  |  |  | **Derivative Security** | | | | | |  |  |  | **Owned** |  | **or Indirect** | **(Instr. 4)** | | | |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Code V** | | | | **(A)** | **(D)** | **Exercisable** | | **Date** | | **Title** | | **Shares** | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Stock | | 12/27/2016 | |  |  | A | | | 129.3 |  |  |  |  | $58.73 | | 18,274.3 | | D |  |  |  |  |  |
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**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Grant of restricted stock units.
2. The units convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
3. The reported phantom stock units were acquired pursuant to the Principal Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors and will be settled on the reporting person's retirement.

**Remarks:**

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| Patrick A. Kirchner, by Power | |  | 12/29/2016 | |  |
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| \*\* Signature of Reporting Person | | | Date | |  |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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