

AMAZON COM INC
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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 *
Kessel Steven

(Last) (First) (Middle)

P.O. BOX 81226

(Street)

SEATTLE, WA 98108-1226

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AMAZON COM INC [AMZN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/15/2008

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)

Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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, par value \$0.01 per share	08/15/2008		M		1,359 A \$ 0	1,359	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	08/15/2008		M		8,921 A \$ 0	10,280	D
Common Stock, par	08/15/2008		S ⁽¹⁾		10,280 D \$ 88.1693	0	D

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value \$.01 per share	<u>(2)</u>						
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share					306.924	I	Held by the reporting person's Amazon.com 401(k) plan account

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	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Restricted Stock Unit Award	\$ 0 ⁽³⁾	08/15/2008		M	1,359	01/09/2006 ⁽⁴⁾	02/15/2009	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	1,359
Restricted Stock Unit Award	\$ 0 ⁽³⁾	08/15/2008		M	8,921	11/15/2006 ⁽⁵⁾	02/15/2010	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	8,921

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
			Senior Vice President	

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Signatures

/s/ Steven Kessel, Senior Vice
President

08/15/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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(1) This transaction was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.

Represents the weighted average sale price. The highest price at which shares were sold was \$88.24 and the lowest price at which shares were sold was \$87.87. The reporting person undertakes to provide, upon request by the staff of the SEC, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares transacted at each price.

(3) Converts into Common Stock on a one-for one basis.

25% of this award was vested at the time the reporting person filed their Form 3, and subject to the reporting person's continued employment with the issuer, will vest and convert into shares of common stock of the issuer at the rate of 7.50% on November 15, 2006 and an additional 7.50% for each 3-month period thereafter through February 15, 2009.

Subject to the reporting person's continued employment with the issuer and the satisfaction of certain business criteria intended to qualify the award as tax-deductible compensation under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code, this award vests and converts into shares of common stock at the rate of 10.00% on November 15, 2006, 5.87% on May 15, 2007, 5.83% on August 15, 2007 and an additional 5.83% for each 3-month period thereafter through February 15, 2008, 8.33% on May 15, 2008 and an additional 8.33% for each 3-month period thereafter through February 15, 2010.

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