MCALEER WILLIAM

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MCALEER WILLIAM

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

AVOCENT CORP [AVCT]

(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(City)

Common

Stock

(First) (Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

9911 WILLOWS ROAD NE

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

below)

REDMOND, WA 98052

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) anv (Month/Day/Year)

(State)

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4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

S 800 D 13,474 ⁽⁴⁾ 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)

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| 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Dr.Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable a Date (Month/Day/Year) | and Expiration | 7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and | Securities |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Options (rights to buy) | \$ 52.4375 | | | | | 09/18/2000(1) | 09/18/2010 | Common Stock | 20,000 |
| Options (rights to buy) | \$ 22.36 | | | | | 05/25/2001(1) | 05/25/2011 | Common Stock | 6,000 |
| Options (rights to buy) | \$ 27.25 | | | | | 03/07/2003(1) | 03/07/2013 | Common Stock | 15,000 |
| Options (rights to buy) | \$ 40.98 | | | | | 02/05/2004(1)(3) | 02/05/2014 | Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Options (rights to buy) | \$ 26.14 | | | | | 06/30/2005(2) | 06/30/2015 | Common Stock | 4,200 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| • 0 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| MCALEER WILLIAM 9911 WILLOWS ROAD NE | X | | | | | |
| REDMOND, WA 98052 | | | | | | |

Signatures

Richard Hempstead as attorney-in-fact for William H
McAleer

11/14/2008

Explanation of Responses:

**Signature of Reporting Person

- * 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) Grant date, exercisable in 24 monthly installments beginning one month from date of grant.

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Date

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- (2) Grant date, 100% vests on December 31, 2005.
- (3) The vesting of unvested options will accelerate and become 100% vested on December 25, 2005, if the reporting person is an employee on that date.
- (4) These include 8,016 time-based restricted shares granted on April 27, 2007 and February 19, 2008. 5,016 shares vest on January 1, 2009 and 3,000 on January 1, 2010.

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