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| | Tarch 01, 2005 FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION | | | | | | OMB APPROVAL | | |
| | 1 | | Was | hington, I | D.C. 205 | 549 | | Number: | 3235-0287 |
| Section 16. Form 4 or | | | F CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES | | | | | Expires: January 31 2005 Estimated average burden hours per response 0.5 | |
| Form 5 obligation may conti <i>See</i> Instru 1(b). | $\frac{1}{1}$ Section 17 | 7(a) of the | Public Ut | ility Hold | ing Com | | ge Act of 1934, of 1935 or Sectic 40 | n | |
| (Print or Type R | esponses) | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Name and Ad SOPP GERA | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | | | |
| | | | WILMINGTON TRUST CORP [WL] | | | | (Check all applicable) | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 108 MUTE SWAN PLACE | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction(Month/Day/Year)02/23/2005 | | | Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Vice President and Controller | | | |
| | (Street) | (Street) 4. If Amer Filed(Mon | | | e Original | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | |
| NEWARK, I | DE 19711 | | | | | | | More than One Re | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table | e I - Non-De | erivative S | ecurities Ac | quired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | lly Owned |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | Security (Month/Day/Year) Execu (Instr. 3) any | | emed on Date, if /Day/Year) | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities ionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) | | Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Code V | Amount | or (D) Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 1,800 | Ι | By IRA |

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number onof 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 Amoun Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|--------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amor or Numl of Share |
| Incentive Stock Option (1) | \$ 27.91 | | | | | 02/20/2006 | 02/19/2013 | Common Stock | 3,5 |
| Non-Statutory Stock Option (1) | \$ 27.91 | | | | | 02/20/2006 | 02/19/2013 | Common Stock | 3,4 |
| Incentive Stock Option (1) | \$ 37.02 | | | | | 02/25/2007 | 02/24/2013 | Common Stock | 2,70 |
| Non-Statytory Stock Option (1) | \$ 37.02 | | | | | 02/25/2007 | 02/24/2014 | Common Stock | 2,2 |
| Incentive Stock Option (1) | \$ 33.9 | 02/23/2005 | | A <u>(2)</u> | 2,949 | 02/25/2008 | 02/20/2015 | Common Stock | 2,94 |
| Non-Statutory Stock Option | \$ 33.9 | 02/23/2005 | | A <u>(2)</u> | 1,051 | 02/25/2008 | 02/20/2015 | Common Stock | 1,0: |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Addr | ess | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|------------|---------------|-------------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| 1 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| SOPP GERALD F 108 MUTE SWAN PLACE NEWARK, DE 19711 | 2 | | Vice President and Controller | | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | |
| Gerald F. Sopp | 03/01/2005 | | | | | | |
| ** 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) (Right to buy).
- (2) Grant to reporting person of option to buy shares of common stock under registrant's 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan in transaction exempt from Section 16b by virtue of Rule 16b-3(d)(2).

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