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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conver- sion or Exer- cise Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity	3. Trans- action Date (mm/dd/ yy)	3A. Deemed Execut- ion Date if any (mm/dd/ yy)	4. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8) ----- Code V	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ----- (A) (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) ----- Date Expira- tion Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) ----- Amount or Number of Shares
STOCK OPTION	\$27.25	12/17/02		A	1,000	IMMED 12/17/12	COMMON STOCK 1,000

Explanation of Responses:

(1) SHARES PURCHASED THROUGH THE COMPANY'S DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN WITH DIVIDENDS PAID ON SHARES OF COMMON STOCK HELD.

/s/ William S Rowland, Pursuant to a Power
of Attorney filed on 11/1/02

12/19/02

**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

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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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed.
If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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