

AMERUS GROUP CO/IA
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FORM 4

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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 *
GAFFNEY THOMAS F

(Last) (First) (Middle)

699 WALNUT STREET, SUITE 2000

(Street)

DES MOINES, IA 50309

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AMERUS GROUP CO/IA [AMH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
11/15/2006

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)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 11/15/2006 | 11/15/2006 | D | 15,517 | D \$ 69 0 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/15/2006 | 11/15/2006 | D | 461 | D \$ 69 0 | I | By Spouse |
| Common Stock | 11/15/2006 | 11/15/2006 | D | 7,692 | D \$ 69 0 | I | Donna L. Gaffney Trust |

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 | |
| Non-Qualified Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 22.0625 | 11/15/2006 | 11/15/2006 | D | 2,500 | <u>(1)</u> | 01/04/2009 | Common Stock | 2,500 |
| Non-Qualified Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 36.25 | 11/15/2006 | 11/15/2006 | D | 2,500 | <u>(1)</u> | 01/02/2008 | Common Stock | 2,500 |
| Non-Qualified Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 22.4375 | 11/15/2006 | 11/15/2006 | D | 2,500 | <u>(1)</u> | 01/03/2010 | Common Stock | 2,500 |
| Non-Qualified Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 31.25 | 11/15/2006 | 11/15/2006 | D | 2,500 | <u>(1)</u> | 01/02/2011 | Common Stock | 2,500 |
| Non-Qualified Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 36.05 | 11/15/2006 | 11/15/2006 | D | 3,500 | <u>(1)</u> | 01/02/2012 | Common Stock | 3,500 |
| Non-Qualified Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 29.25 | 11/15/2006 | 11/15/2006 | D | 3,500 | <u>(1)</u> | 01/02/2013 | Common Stock | 3,500 |
| Non-Qualified Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 35.8 | 11/15/2006 | 11/15/2006 | D | 3,500 | <u>(1)</u> | 01/02/2014 | Common Stock | 3,500 |
| Non-Qualified Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 44.55 | 11/15/2006 | 11/15/2006 | D | 3,500 | <u>(1)</u> | 01/03/2015 | Common Stock | 3,500 |
| Non-Qualified Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 56.61 | 11/15/2006 | 11/15/2006 | D | 3,500 | <u>(1)</u> | 01/03/2016 | Common Stock | 3,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| GAFFNEY THOMAS F 699 WALNUT STREET SUITE 2000 DES MOINES, IA 50309 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Jeananne M. Celander, Attorney-in-fact for Mr.
Gaffney

11/15/2006

__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) This option was vested immediately and was disposed of pursuant to the merger agreement between the issuer and Aviva plc for the price reflected in column 8.

Remarks:

AmerUs Group Co. (NYSE: AMH) was merged into an acquisition subsidiary of Aviva plc on 11/15/2006. This form reports Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.