

POTLATCH CORP  
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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 \*  
**SIEGEL L PENDLETON**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 601 W. RIVERSIDE AVENUE,  
 SUITE 1100  
 (Street)

SPOKANE, WA 99201

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**POTLATCH CORP [PCH]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/23/2005**

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)  
**Chairman and CEO**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	(1)	02/23/2005	A	19,018.803					(2)	(2)	Common Stock	19,018.8

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SIEGEL L PENDLETON 601 W. RIVERSIDE AVENUE, SUITE 1100 SPOKANE, WA 99201	X		Chairman and CEO	

## Signatures

Malcolm A. Ryerse,  
Attorney-in-fact

02/25/2005

\*\*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) The conversion of the non-derivative security will occur on a one-for-one basis.
- The reporting person elected to defer receipt of their bonus award into an account in the form of phantom stock units. The phantom stock units will be converted to cash and paid on the dates pre-selected by the reporting person. The bonus award was granted to the reporting person in accordance with the Potlatch Corporation Management Performance Award Plan, pursuant to the stockholder-approved Potlatch Corporation 2000 Stock Incentive Plan. Transaction is exempt under Rule 16(b)-3, as the award was granted by a Committee of the Board of Directors composed solely of non-employee Directors.
- (3) The bonus award granted to the reporting person was neither a purchase nor a sale of a derivative security, therefore there is no price to report.

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