RATCLIFFE GEORGE J

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FORM 4

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| 1. Name and Add | 2. Issuei Praxair | | me and Tic | eker or | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | | | | |
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| (Last) Hubbell Incorpo 584 Derby Milfo | of Reporting Person, | | | | | Statement for onth/Day/Year 01/03 | X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | | | | | | |
| (Street) Orange, CT 06477-4024 | | | | | | | Da | f Amendment, te of Original onth/Day/Year) | (Check A X Form f Person Form f | 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) | T | able | I Non-E |)erivat | ive Sec | urities Acquired, Disp | d, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | action | Execution Date, | 3. Trans action C (Instr. 8) Code | ode | 4. Securitie (A) or Disp (Instr. 3, 4 Amount | osed o | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) | 6. Own ship Fo Direct or Indi (Instr. 4 | orm: (D) rect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | (D) | | (Instr. 3 & 4) | | | | | | | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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FORM 4 (continued) 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 | 2. Conver- | 3. Trans- | 3A. | 4. | 5. Number | Date Exercisable | 7. Title and | 8. Price of | 9. Number of | 10. | 11. Na |
| Derivative | sion or | action | Deemed | Trans- | of | and Expiration | Amount of | Derivative | Derivative | Owner- | of Indi |
| Security | Exercise | Date | Execution | action | Derivative | Date | Underlying | Security | Securities | ship | Benefi |
| | Price of | | Date, | Code | Securities | (Month/Day/ | Securities | (Instr. 5) | Beneficially | Form | Owner |
| (Instr. 3) | Derivative | (Month/ | if any | | Acquired | Year) | (Instr. 3 & 4) | | Owned | of Deriv- | (Instr. 4 |
| | Security | Day/ | (Month/ | (Instr. | (A) or | | | | Following | ative | |
| | | Year) | Day/ | 8) | Disposed of | | | | Reported | Security: | |
| | | | Year) | | (D) | | | | Transaction(s) | Direct | |
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| | | | Code | V | (A) | ` / | Date Exer-cisable | Expira- tion | Title | Amount or | | | (I) (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | | | Date | | Number of Shares | | | | |
| Stock Options (right to buy)(1) | 57.52 | 04/01/03 | A | | 2,500.00 | | 04/01/05 | | Common Stock | 2,500.00 | 57.52 | 2,500.00 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Grant to reporting person of options to buy shares of Common Stock of the issuer under the Praxair, Inc. 1995 Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors.

By: /s/ Mark S. Lyon
Attorney-in-fact
**Signature of Reporting Person

April 2, 2003 Date

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