

CIARFALIA NEIL A

Form 4

May 12, 2005

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CIARFALIA NEIL A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

AZTAR CORPORATION, 2390 E.
CAMELBACK RD., SUITE 400

(Street)

PHOENIX, AZ 85016

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
AZTAR CORP [AZR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/11/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

VP, Treasurer & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Ar or Nu of
Employee Stock Option/Right to Purchase Aztar Common Stock	\$ 30.9	05/11/2005	A	40,000			05/11/2006 ⁽¹⁾		05/11/2015		Aztar Common Stock	4

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CIARFALIA NEIL A AZTAR CORPORATION 2390 E. CAMELBACK RD., SUITE 400 PHOENIX, AZ 85016			VP, Treasurer & CFO	

Signatures

/s/ Neil A.
Ciarfalia

05/12/2005

 Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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** 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 Option vests in 3 equal (or as close to equal as possible) annual installments beginning May 11, 2006.

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