SIPEK MERIDITH P

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FORM 4

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

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SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SIPEK MERIDITH P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

(Month/Day/Year)

05/11/2005

AZTAR CORP [AZR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(First) (Middle) (Last)

AZTAR CORPORATION, 2390 E.

CAMELBACK RD., SUITE 400

(Street)

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Director X_ Officer (give title

Other (specify below) below) VP, Controller

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

PHOENIX, AZ 85016

(City)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

(State)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

5. Amount of

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

10% Owner

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Estimated average

burden hours per

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Derivative **Expiration Date** Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) any

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7. Title and Amo

Underlying Secu

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)
Derivative or Disposed of Security (D)

(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A)

(D) Date Exercisable Expiration Title

Date

Employee Stock

Option/Right to Purchase

\$ 30.9 05/11/2005

Aztar A 20,000 05/11/2006(1) 05/11/2015 Common 2

Stock

A

or Ni of

Aztar Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SIPEK MERIDITH P

AZTAR CORPORATION 2390 E. CAMELBACK RD., SUITE 400 PHOENIX, AZ 85016 VP, Controller

Signatures

/s/ Meridith P. Sipek

05/12/2005

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

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