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(Print or Type Responses)								
1. Name and Address of R THOMAS RICHARD		2. Issuer Name Symbol	and Ticker or T	rading	5. Relationship o Issuer	of Reporting Per	rson(s) to	
		LEE SARA C	ORP [SLE]		(Che	ck all applicabl	e)	
(Last) (First) 1 BANK ONE PLAZ	(Middle)	3. Date of Earlies (Month/Day/Yea 03/31/2005			X Director Officer (giv below)	109	% Owner her (specify	
(Street)		4. If Amendment Filed(Month/Day/	-		6. Individual or 3 Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by Form filed by	-	erson	
CHICAGO, IL 60670					Person		oportung	
(City) (State)	(Zip)	Table I - No	on-Derivative S	ecurities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of2. TransactiSecurity(Month/Day(Instr. 3)	ion Date 2A. Deem y/Year) Execution any (Month/D	Date, if Transa Code ay/Year) (Instr. 3	(	A) or f (D) and 5) A) or	Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
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Reminder: Report on a sep	arate line for each c	lass of securities b	Person informa require	s who res ation cont d to respo s a curre	or indirectly. spond to the colle ained in this form ond unless the for ntly valid OMB co	i are not rm	SEC 1474 (9-02)	

# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	8. P
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	orDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	Der
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Sec
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A)			(Ins

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	Derivative Security				or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, 4, 5)						
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
phantom stock	\$ 0 <u>(1)</u>	03/31/2005	А		1,012.3 (2)		(3)	(3)	common stock	1,012.3	\$

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
THOMAS RICHARD L 1 BANK ONE PLAZA CHICAGO, IL 60670	Х				
<b>A</b> 1 -					

#### Signatures

/s/ Helen N. Kaminski For Richard L. Thomas pursuant to power of attorney previously 04/04/2005 filed.

\*\*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 phantom stock units will convert into shares of Sara Lee common stock on a one-for-one basis.

Represents director fees deferred and dividend reinvestment credits accrued in the reporting person's account in the Sara Lee Corporation (2) Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Program. Shares units were acquired on March 31, 2005 at a price of \$22.05 per share and will be settled only for shares of Sara Lee common stock on a one-for-one basis.

The reporting person will receive shares of Sara Lee common stock, on a one-for-one basis, at a future date(s) pursuant to the Deferred (3) Compensation Program.

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.