

Sullivan J Daniel  
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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 \*  
 Sullivan J Daniel

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 MEDIA GENERAL INC [MEG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

147 RUE DE GRANDE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/31/2008

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

(Street)

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

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

BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |       |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | 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 (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 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) | 8. Price of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
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| Derivative Security          |                     |            | (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |   | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title      | Amount or Number of Shares |       |        |
|------------------------------|---------------------|------------|---|---|------------------|-----------------|------------|----------------------------|-------|--------|
|                              |                     |            | Code  | V |                  |                 |            |                            |       |        |
| Phantom Stock <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 0 <sup>(4)</sup> | 12/31/2008 | A   |   |                  | <u>(2)</u>      | <u>(2)</u> | Class A Common Stock       | 9,409 | \$ 1.5 |
| Phantom Stock <sup>(3)</sup> | \$ 0 <sup>(4)</sup> | 12/31/2008 | A   |   |                  | <u>(2)</u>      | <u>(2)</u> | Class A Common Stock       | 144   | \$ 1.5 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Sullivan J Daniel<br>147 RUE DE GRANDE<br>BRENTWOOD, TN 37027 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ J. Daniel Sullivan, by George L. Mahoney,  
Attorney-in-fact

01/02/2009

\_\_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) Reports quarterly allocations under the Company deferred compensation plan for outside directors fees.
- (2) Upon termination of service as a director, the units become payable in accordance with the settlement election of the reporting person.
- (3) Reports quarterly allocations under the Company deferred compensation plan for automatic reinvestment of quarterly dividends on the units.
- (4) Each unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Class A common stock.

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