#### RANKIN THOMPSON L

Form 4

January 02, 2009

### FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* RANKIN THOMPSON L

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

MEDIA GENERAL INC [MEG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X\_ Director

(Check all applicable)

333 EAST FRANKLIN ST

(Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2008

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

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

RICHMOND, VA 23219

(State) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of 6. Ownership Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned Following (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

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

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7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Indirect

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

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

5. Number of 4 TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Derivative Security				or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
			Code	V (A)	(D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock (1)	\$ 0 (5)	12/31/2008	A	19,955	(2)	(2)	Class A Common Stock	19,955	\$ 1
Phantom Stock (4)	\$ 0 (5)	12/31/2008	A	1,842	(2)	(2)	Class A Common Stock	1,842	\$ 1

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
Reporting Owner France / Francess	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
RANKIN THOMPSON L 333 EAST FRANKLIN ST RICHMOND, VA 23219	X					

## **Signatures**

/s/ Thompson L. Rankin, 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) Additionally, 1,200 non-derivative Class A common shares are held directly.
- (4) Reports quarterly allocations under the Company deferred compensation plan for automatic reinvestment of quarterly dividends on the units.
- (5) Each unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Class A common stock.

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