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(Check all applicable)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Director | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) |

Vice President and Controller

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing

(Check applicable line)

- 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 (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		
			Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/20/01	G	100	D	\$67.33
Common Stock	12/06/01	M	5,600	A	\$23.6250
Common Stock	12/06/01	S	5,600	D	\$70.85
Common Stock	To 11/30/01				
Common Stock	To 9/30/01				

* If the form is filed by more than one Reporting Person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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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)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conver- sion or Exer- cise Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity	3. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	4. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ----- (A) (D)	6. Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) ----- Date Expira- tion Date		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) ----- Amount or Number of Shares Title
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Stock Options	\$23.6250	12/06/01 M		5,600	12/12/98	12/12/02	Common Stock	5,600
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Explanation of Responses:

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- (1) Held by the trustee of the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan, The Northern Trust Company.
- (2) Held by the trustee of the Company's 401(k) Plan, Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company.

/s/George R. Gavagan

01/03/02

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed.
If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

Alternatively, this Form is permitted to be submitted to the Commission in electronic format at the option of the reporting person pursuant to Rule 101(b)(4) of Regulation S-T.

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