FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 10b5-1(c). See In | struction 10. | | | |
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| (Last) 7550 WISCONS | (First) (Middle) IN AVE, SUITE 900 | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/15/2024 | X Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP & CFO |
| (Street) BETHESDA | MD | 20814 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| (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) | ution Date, Transaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--|---|---|--|--|------------------------------------|---------|--|---|---|
| | | | | | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2024 | | F | | 1,333(1) | D | \$16.34 | 41,926 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2024 | | F | | 740(1) | D | \$16.34 | 41,186 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2024 | | F | | 721(1) | D | \$16.34 | 40,465 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2024 | | F | | 1,102(1) | D | \$16.34 | 39,363 | D | |

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

| - 1 | 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | Derivative | | Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | Ownership Form: Direct (D) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. For net share settlement of taxes on vested shares.

By: W. Drew Hammond For: Steven M. Freishtat

12/16/2024

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- * 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).

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