

# FORM 4

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

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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 *<br>NORMAN BRUCE E |         |          | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>MERCURY GENERAL CORP [MCY]        |  |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Director <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</span><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)</span><br><div style="text-align: center;">Senior Vice President</div> |  |  |
| (Last)  | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>05/19/2008                          |  |  |   |  |  |
| 27200 Tourney Road  |         |          |   |  |  |   |  |  |
| (Street)  |         |          | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                |  |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |  |  |
| Santa Clarita, CA 91355                                     |         |          |   |  |  |   |  |  |
| (City)  | (State) | (Zip)    | <b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b> |  |  |   |  |  |

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code<br>(Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |            |       | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|------------------------------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|--|------------|-------|---|---|--|
|                                    |   |   | Code                              | V | Amount   | (A) or (D) | Price |   |   |  |
| Common Stock                       | 05/19/2008                              |   | S                                 |   | 9,000  | D          | \$50  | 13,858  | I   | By Trust <sup>(1)</sup>                                  |

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<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code<br>(Instr. 8) |   | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
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|   |  |   |   | Code                              | V |  | Date Exercisable  | Expiration Date |  |   |  |   |   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |                       |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer               | Other |
| NORMAN BRUCE E<br>27200 Tourney Road<br>Santa Clarita, CA 91355 |               |           | Senior Vice President |       |

## Signatures

Judy Walters, Attorney-in-Fact for Bruce  
Norman

05/20/2008

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\*\*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) Includes ESOP allocation for disposition since last report

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