

FORM 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Houlihan Robert		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 12/17/2007	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MERCURY GENERAL CORP [MCY]	
(Last)	(First)		(Middle)	
1700 Greenbriar Lane			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ____ Director ____ 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give ____ Other title below) (specify below) ____ Vice President	
(Street) Brea, CA 92821			5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
(City)		(State)	(Zip)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)		2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Houlihan Robert 1700 Greenbriar Lane Brea, CA 92821			Vice President	

Signatures

Judy Walters, Attorney-In-Fact for Robert
Houlihan

01/17/2008

**
—Signature of Reporting Person

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Date

Explanation of Responses:

If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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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