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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading MONAHAN WILLIAM T Issuer Symbol PENTAIR INC [PNR] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title 5500 WAYZATA BLVD., SUITE 05/14/2012 below) 800 4. If Amendment, Date Original (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

GOLDEN VALLEY MN 55416

Plan

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

| GOLDEN VALLEY, MIN 33410 | | | | Person | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---------|----------------------|--|--|---|
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | le I - Non-l | Derivative | Secur | rities Acquir | ed, Disposed of, | or Beneficiall | y Owned |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securit for Dispos (Instr. 3, 4 | ed of (| ` | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2012 | | M | 10,000 | A | \$ 17.725 | 34,901.149 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2012 | | S | 10,000 | D | \$ 42.3139 (1) | 24,901.149 (2) | D | |
| Common Stock - Deferral | | | | | | | 1,331.483 (2) | I | Plan Agent |

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 (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amc Underlying Secu (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|--------------------|---|----------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Ar Nu Sh |
| Nonqualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 17.725 | 05/14/2012 | | M | 10,000 | 02/25/2004 | 02/25/2013 | Common Stock | |
| Phantom Stock Units (Deferred Compensation) | (3) | | | | | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock | 10 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MONAHAN WILLIAM T 5500 WAYZATA BLVD., SUITE 800 X GOLDEN VALLEY, MN 55416

Signatures

/s/ John K. Wilson, Attorney-in-Fact for William T. Monahan

05/15/2012

**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).
- The price in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The prices actually received ranged from \$42.30 to \$42.3601. The reporting person (1) has provided to the issuer, and will provide to any security holder of the issuer, or the SEC staff, upon request, information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the range for all transactions reported in this Form 4 utilizing an average weighted price.
- (2) End-of-period holdings include shares acquired under a dividend reinvestment plan in exempt transaction not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16(a).
- (3) Phantom stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.

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(4) Settlement of phantom stock units will be in accordance with reporting person's irrevocable election.

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