

ERIE INDEMNITY CO
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HIRT F WILLIAM

(Last) (First) (Middle)
3270 KINGSTON COURT

(Street)

ERIE, PA 16506

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ERIE INDEMNITY CO [ERIE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/27/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman of the Board

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----------|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 04/27/2006 | | G | V | 12,883 | D | \$ 0 | 1,893,851 | D |

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. 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 | 5. Number of 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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Class B Common Stock | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | Class A Common Stock ⁽²⁾ | 48,000 |
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| Directors' Deferred Compensation Phantom Units | \$ 0 ⁽³⁾ | | | | | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(5)</u> | Class A Common Stock | 2,595.2081 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HIRT F WILLIAM 3270 KINGSTON COURT ERIE, PA 16506 | X | X | Chairman of the Board | |

Signatures

By: Linda A. Etter, Power of Attorney

05/03/2006

^{**}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) Each share of Class B Common Stock is convertible at any time into 2,400 shares of Class A Common Stock. There are no exercise or expiration dates associated with this conversion feature and no specific exercise price when a Class B share is converted into Class A shares.

(2)

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Pursuant to the Articles of Incorporation of the Company, as amended, shares of Class B Common Stock (voting) of Erie Indemnity Company are convertible at any time to shares of Class A Common Stock (non-voting) at a conversion rate of 2,400 shares of Class A Stock for each share of Class B Stock.

- (3) Conversion price is not applicable to shares granted under the Outside Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (4) The shares subject to this reporting are phantom Share Credits which are periodically credited to the accounts of certain Directors of Erie Indemnity Company pursuant to its Outside Directors Stock Plan. These Credit Shares are actually paid to the reporting individual in shares of Erie Indemnity Company Class A Common Stock when their service as a Director of Erie Indemnity Company ends. There is no exercisable date for these securities.
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