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Form 5

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of
	Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	Number	Expiration D	ate	Amou	int of	Derivative
	Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	rlying	Security
	(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)
		Derivative		•		Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)	
		Security				Acquired					
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						(A) (D)				Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MATOVINA JOHN M 6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266	ÂX	Â	CEO & President	Â			

Signatures

Renee D. Montz, by Power of Attorney 02/09/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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) Reflects ESOP allocations that have occurred since the date of the reporting person's last ownership report.

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