

SERVICEMASTER CO

Form 4

September 29, 2005

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

Check this box  
if no longer  
subject to  
Section 16.  
Form 4 or  
Form 5  
obligations  
may continue.  
See Instruction  
1(b).

**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

## OMB APPROVAL

OMB  
Number: 3235-0287  
Expires: January 31,  
2005  
Estimated average  
burden hours per  
response... 0.5

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
PETERSON DALLEN W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3250 LACEY ROAD, SUITE 600

(Street)

DOWNERS  
GROVE, IL 60515-1700

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
SERVICEMASTER CO [SVM]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/28/2005

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common stock \$.01 par value	09/28/2005		M	10,125	A \$ 9.2593	17,378	D
Common stock \$.01 par value	09/29/2005		S	10,125	D \$ 13.55	7,253	D
Common stock \$.01 par value						3,619 <sup>(1)</sup>	I Dir. Def. Fee Trust
Common stock \$.01						2,037,073	I Glendal, Inc.

par value

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

**Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.**

SEC 1474  
(9-02)

**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 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 9.2593	09/28/2005		M	10,125	02/16/1997	02/15/2006	Common Stock	10,125
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 10.02					04/27/2002	04/26/2008	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 11.2222					02/13/1998	02/12/2007	Common Stock	11,250
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 13.972					04/15/2003	04/14/2009	Common Stock	15,000
2001 Dir. Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.96					05/21/2004	05/20/2013	Common Stock	7,500
2001 Dir. Stock Option	\$ 10.73					02/13/2005	02/12/2014	Common Stock	14,678

(Right to  
Buy)

2001

Dir.

Stock

Option

(Right to

Buy)

\$ 13.44

02/11/2006 02/10/2015

Common  
Stock 11,719

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PETERSON DALLEN W 3250 LACEY ROAD, SUITE 600 DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515-1700	X			

## Signatures

Sandra L. Groman by power of  
attorney

09/29/2005

\_\_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) Deferral of Directors fees into Directors Deferred Fee Trust during the period March through June 2005 for 59 shares.

(2) The option is exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of the grant.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.