HUTCHISON LARRY M

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **HUTCHISON LARRY M**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Middle)

TORCHMARK CORP [TMK]

(Check all applicable)

UNITED AMERICAN

(Street)

(First)

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

12/21/2012

_X__ Director X_ Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify below)

INSURANCE COMPANY, 3700 SOUTH STONEBRIDGE DRIVE

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Co-CEO

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

MCKINNEY, TX 75070

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | ole I - Non- | Derivative | Secu | rities Acquii | red, 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) | Code (Instr. 8) | omr Dispos (Instr. 3, | ed of (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 | 12/18/2012 | | Code V M | Amount 16,500 | (D) | Price \$ 29.9267 | 245,248 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/18/2012 | | M | 16,000 | A | \$ 42.4667 | 261,248 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/21/2012 | | S | 32,500 | D | \$ 52.0962 (1) (2) | 228,748 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 23,641 (3) | I | Thrift Plan Trust |

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative 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 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 29.9267 | 12/21/2012 | | M | 16,500 | 12/11/2006 | 12/13/2013 | Common Stock | 33,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 42.4667 | 12/21/2012 | | M | 16,000 | 12/12/2009 | 12/12/2013 | Common Stock | 16,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|
| 1 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | |
| HUTCHISON LARRY M UNITED AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY 3700 SOUTH STONEBRIDGE DRIVE MCKINNEY, TX 75070 | X | | Co-CEO | | |
| Signatures | | | | | |
| Larry M. Hutchison, By:/s/Carol A. McCoy, Attorney-in-fact | 12/26/2012 | | | | |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date | | | | |

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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) Sales at prices ranging from \$51.79 per share to \$52.59 per share.
- (2) Reporting person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or any security holder of the issuer.
- (3) Shares in unitized fund in employee benefit plan estimated conversion of \$ balance to shares using \$51.86 per share.

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