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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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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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Barnett Paul D

(Last)

(First) (Middle)

ULYSSES MANAGEMENT. LLC, ONE ROCKEFELLER

PLAZA, 20TH FLOOR

(Street)

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

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below)

Other (specify

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

NEW YORK, NY 10020

(City)

Security

(Instr. 3)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 3. 4. Securities

AVATAR HOLDINGS INC

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

TransactionAcquired (A) or

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Numbe on Deriva Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	tive of	6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. Price Deriva Securi (Instr.
			Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock	<u>(1)</u>	12/31/2009	A	276.8		(2)	(2)	Common	276.8	\$ 17

Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
coporting of the control of the cont	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Barnett Paul D ULYSSES MANAGEMENT, LLC ONE ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, 20TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10020	X						

Signatures

Units

Juanita I. Kerrigan, Attorney-in-Fact for Paul D.

Barnett

01/05/2010

**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) The units convert to Common Stock of the Issuer on a 1-for-1 basis.
- The units, which represent a deferral of a portion of director's fees payable to the Reporting Person, are fully vested at all times and are convertible into shares of Issuer's Common Stock at the earlier of a date specified by the Reporting Person or the date on which the Reporting Person no longer serves as a director of the Issuer.
- (3) Represents the closing price of the Issuer's Common Stock as of the date for payment of director's fees, which closing price represents the denominator for purposes of determining the number of Stock Units attributable to the Reporting Person's deferral account.

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