

Cooley Richard Scott
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Cooley Richard Scott

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O MORNINGSTAR, INC., 22
 WEST WASHINGTON STREET

(Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60602

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Morningstar, Inc. [MORN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 08/26/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 ___X___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 ___X___ 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 | | |
| Common Stock | 08/26/2010 | | M | | 3,625 | A | \$ 14.13 |
| | | | | | 31,038 | 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 (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) | 8. |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----|
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------|----------|------------|--|------|---|-------|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 14.13 | 08/26/2010 | | M | | 1,000 | | <u>(1)</u> | 05/01/2011 | Common Stock | 1,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 14.13 | 08/26/2010 | | M | | 2,625 | | <u>(1)</u> | 05/01/2011 | Common Stock | 2,625 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Cooley Richard Scott
 C/O MORNINGSTAR, INC.
 22 WEST WASHINGTON STREET
 CHICAGO, IL 60602

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Heidi Miller, by power of attorney

08/26/2010

__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 options became exercisable in four equal installments on May 1, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005.

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