

Bitzer Marc R
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Bitzer Marc R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
WHIRLPOOL CORP /DE/ [WHR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2000 M-63N

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/14/2007

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

BENTON HARBOR, MI 49022

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2007 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 561 | A | 13,007 |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2007 | | F ⁽¹⁾ | | 283 | D | \$ 91.89 ⁽²⁾ |

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. 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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Restricted Shares (Strategic Excellence Program) | (4) | 02/14/2007 | | M(4) | 561 | (4) | (4) | Common | 561 |
| Phantom Restricted (Career) Stock | (5) | | | | | (5) | (5) | Common | (5) |
| Phantom Restricted Shares (Special Retention Program) | (6) | | | | | (6) | (6) | Common | 9,250 |
| Phantom Restricted Shares (Special Retention Program) | (7) | | | | | (7) | (7) | Common | 20,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | (8) | | | | | (8) | (8) | Common | 12,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | (9) | | | | | (9) | (9) | Common | 3,563 |

Employee
 Stock
 Option (10) (10) (10) Common 6,932
 (Right to
 Buy)

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Bitzer Marc R 2000 M-63N BENTON HARBOR, MI 49022 | | | EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT | |

Signatures

/s/ Robert T. Kenagy, Corporate Secretary
 02/16/2007
 **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) Payment of 561 shares of common stock for which time restrictions lapsed on 02/14/2007 relating to the 2004 SEP award made under the Whirlpool Corporation 2002 Omnibus Stock and Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. These shares were reported in Table II as a derivative securities in prior filings.
- (2) Pursuant to the Company's Plan provisions, the Company paid \$91.89 per share for tax withholding purposes relating to the payment of common stock under the 2004 SEP award for which restrictions lapsed. See Footnote 1. A fractional share was paid in cash to recipient.
- (3) 12,167 shares are held in the name of the undersigned's broker.
- (4) 561 phantom stock shares (Strategic Excellence Program) awarded on 02/14/2005 under the SEP 2004 grant made pursuant to the 2002 Whirlpool Corporation Omnibus Stock and Incentive Plan in transactions exempt under Rule 16(b)-3(c). Time restrictions on these shares lapsed on 02/14/2007.
- (5) 20,000 phantom stock shares (Career Stock Award) awarded under the Whirlpool Corporation 1989 Omnibus Stock & Incentive Plan in transactions exempt under Rule 16(b)-3(c). 8,000 phantom shares are currently vested, with the remaining shares becoming vested as follows: 8,000 shares on 08/24/2010; and 4,000 shares on retirement after age 60. As of 12/15/06, the latest date for which information is reasonably available, 23,309.67 total phantom shares deferred, which includes dividend equivalents earned in phantom restricted stock.
- (6) 9,250 phantom stock shares (Strategic Retention Program) awarded under the Whirlpool Corporation 1998 Omnibus Stock & Incentive Plan in transactions exempt under Rule 16(b)-3(c). Shares will vest on 02/19/2008. Participants may elect to defer receipt of vested shares. Dividend equivalents on deferred stock will be invested in additional stock.
- (7) 20,000 phantom stock shares (Strategic Retention Program) awarded on 06/14/2004 with the effective date of the award to be 07/01/2004 under the Whirlpool Corporation 2002 Omnibus Stock & Incentive Plan in transactions exempt under Rule 16(b)-3(c). Shares will become vested as follows: 50% on 07/01/2007 and 50% on 07/01/2011. Participants may elect to defer receipt of vested shares. Dividend equivalents on deferred stock will be invested in additional stock.
- (8) 12,000 option shares awarded on 02/18/2002 at the option price of \$69.54 per share with cashless exercise and tax withholding rights. All shares are currently exercisable and will expire 10 years from the date of grant.
- (9) 3,563 option shares awarded on 02/16/2004 at the option price of \$75.32 per share with cashless exercise and tax withholding rights. All shares are currently exercisable and will expire 10 years from the date of grant.
- (10)

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6,932 option shares with cashless exercise and tax withholding rights awarded on 02/20/2006 at the option price of \$89.16 per share.

Shares will become exercisable as follows: one-third on 02/20/2007; one-third on 02/20/2008 and one-third on 02/20/2009. The options will expire 10 years from the date of grant.

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