PENTAIR INC Form 4 May 17, 2005

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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may continue.

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

See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

MERRIMAN RONALD

(First) (Middle) (Last)

5500 WAYZATA BLVD., SUITE

800

(Street)

GOLDEN VALLEY, MN 55416-1261

(State)

(Zip)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Security

(Instr. 3)

(City)

1.Title of

(Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if anv

(Month/Day/Year)

Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

TransactionAcquired (A) or

(A) or

Code V Amount (D) Price

Securities Beneficially

Owned Following

Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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

2 Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

4 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Other (specify

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

PENTAIR INC [PNR]

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

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

05/13/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

below)

Issuer

X_ Director

Officer (give title

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Form filed by More than One Reporting

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

5. Amount of 4. Securities 6. Ownership 7. Nature of

Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

(Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	ed of				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units - Deferred Compensation	\$ 1 <u>(1)</u>	05/13/2005		A(2)		23.974		<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	23.974

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MERRIMAN RONALD
5500 WAYZATA BLVD.
SUITE 800
GOLDEN VALLEY, MN 55416-1261

Signatures

Louis L. Ainsworth, Attorney-In-Fact 05/17/2005

**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) Phantom stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) Represents phantom stock units credited under a deferred compensation plan for non-employee directors over which the reporting person has no current dispositive or voting power.
- (3) Shares acquired under this Plan are purchased over a three-day trading period. The price shown is the average purchase price over the trading period.
- (4) Settlement of phantom stock units will be in Pentair common stock in accordance with reporting person's irrevocable election.
- (5) End-of-period holdings include shares acquired under a dividend reinvestment plan in exempt transaction not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16(a).

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