

PICO HOLDINGS INC /NEW
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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 *
HART JOHN R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
PICO HOLDINGS INC /NEW [PICO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
875 PROSPECT STREET, SUITE 301

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/02/2007

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President and CEO

(Street)
LA JOLLA, CA 92037-4264

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) | 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)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title a Underlyi |
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| (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3) | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------|---|------------------|------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHTS | \$ 42.71 | 08/02/2007 | A | | 419,178 | | 08/02/2007 ⁽¹⁾ | 08/02/2017 | COMM |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HART JOHN R 875 PROSPECT STREET SUITE 301 LA JOLLA, CA 92037-4264 | X | | President and CEO | |

Signatures

John R. Hart by James F. Mosier per Power of Attorney dated September 17, 2002. 08/06/2007

**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) 1/3 of the stock appreciation rights are exercisable on 08/02/2007, 1/3 are exercisable on 08/02/2008, and 1/3 are exercisable on 08/02/2009.

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