

CARY RICHARD C

Form 4

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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 *
CARY RICHARD C

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO
[AJG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER &
CO., TWO PIERCE PLACE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/04/2009

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Controller, CAO

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

ITASCA, IL 60143

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock (restricted)	03/04/2009		A	676 A <u>1</u>	1,946	D	
Common Stock					22,931	D	
Common Stock					21,489	I	by Trust

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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.5					(2) 06/20/2010	Common Stock 18,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.7					(2) 07/21/2012	Common Stock 10,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.76					(3) 03/05/2018	Common Stock 2,930
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.9					01/01/2004(2) 07/16/2013	Common Stock 10,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.5					(2) 07/19/2011	Common Stock 10,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.25					(2) 07/20/2015	Common Stock 10,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.65					(3) 05/15/2017	Common Stock 2,750
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.42					(2) 07/21/2014	Common Stock 10,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.28					01/01/2005(2) 03/31/2014	Common Stock 1,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CARY RICHARD C ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO. TWO PIERCE PLACE ITASCA, IL 60143			Controller, CAO	

Signatures

Richard C. Cary 03/10/2009

 **Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) Restricted stock award vesting in four years.
- (2) The stock option becomes exercisable 10% each year, commencing January 1 after the date of grant.
- (3) The stock option becomes exercisable 20% each year on the anniversary of the grant date.

Remarks:

The directly owned common stock holdings reflected in Table I of this form include shares purchased through Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

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