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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Washington, D.C. 20549

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SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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 *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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ALTRIA GROUP INC [MO]

(Check all applicable)

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(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Street)

(State)

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

12/30/2005

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

120 PARK AVENUE

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

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

below)

NEW YORK, NY 10017

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

61,575 (1) D

Common Stock

(City)

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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Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Transact Code (Instr. 8)	tion I) S	Derivative Securities		Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
	Derivative Security			(I (Acquing (A) or Dispose of (D) (Instr. and 5)	sed 3, 4,					
			Code V	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock	<u>(2)</u>	12/30/2005	A		133		<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	133	\$ 75.0 ⁴

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
REED JOHN S								
120 PARK AVENUE	X							
NEW YORK, NY 10017								

Signatures

Units

G. Penn Holsenbeck for John S.

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**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) Includes 4,227 deferred shares held in the 2005 Stock Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors and 34,688 shares in a self-directed Keogh/IRA account.
- (2) Phantom Stock Units convert to common stock on a 1-for-1 basis.
- (3) These units were acquired on December 30, 2005 pursuant to the deferred fee program of the Altria 1992 Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors.
- (4) These units are to be settled in cash upon the reporting person's termination as a member of the issuer's board of directors.
- (5) The average of the high and low price of Altria Group, Inc. common stock on December 30, 2005.
- Share equivalents held under the deferred fee program of the Altria 1992 Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors. This includes (6) an increase of 133 share equivalents acquired under the deferred fee program since December 14, 2005, the date holdings were last reported

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