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Security	Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any	Transaction Code	of	(Month/Day/Year)	Amount of Underlying	•	of D
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivativ	e	Securities	(Instr. 5)	Se

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Derivative Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) Security Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount Exercisable Date or Number of

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
FB	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SMITH LEO J	Â	â	former Officer of Putnam	â		
Â	71	71	71 Torrier Officer of Futham	11		

Signatures

Leo J. Smith 09/07/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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