

WHIRLPOOL CORP /DE/  
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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 \*  
Venturelli Larry M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
WHIRLPOOL CORP /DE/ [WHR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
2000 M-63N  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/15/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VICE PRESIDENT AND CONTROLLER

BENTON HARBOR, MI 49022

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock					56	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		A(1)	0.298 A (1)	62.577 (2)	I	401(k) Stock Fund

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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Restricted Shares (Strategic Excellence Program)	(3)					(3)	(3)	Common	90
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(4)					(4)	(4)	Common	1,333
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(5)					(5)	(5)	Common	1,266
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(6)					(6)	(6)	Common	2,153

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Venturelli Larry M 2000 M-63N BENTON HARBOR, MI 49022			VICE PRESIDENT AND CONTROLLER	

## Signatures

/s/ Robert T. Kenagy, Corporate  
Secretary

03/16/2006

\_\_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) The securities herein were acquired on 03/15/06 pursuant to the Plan indicated in Column 7 at \$88.14133 per share in transactions exempt from Section 16(b) pursuant to Rule 16(b)-3(c).
  - (2) As of 03/15/06, there are 62,577 shares held in the account of the undersigned pursuant to the Plan indicated in Column 7.  
90 phantom stock shares (Strategic Excellence Plan) awarded on 02/14/05 under the SEP 2004 grant made pursuant to the 2002
  - (3) Whirlpool Corporation Omnibus Stock & Incentive Plan in transactions exempt under Rule 16(b)-3(c). Time restrictions on these shares will lapse on 02/14/2007.  
2,000 option shares awarded on 02/16/2004 at the option price of \$72.94 per share with tax withholding rights. Of these shares not
  - (4) already exercised, 666 shares are currently exercisable, with the remaining shares becoming exercisable on 02/16/2007. The options will expire 10 years from the date of grant.  
1,266 option shares awarded on 02/14/2005 at the option price of \$63.24 per share with tax withholding rights. 422 shares are currently
  - (5) exercisable with the remaining shares becoming exercisable as follows: one-third on 02/14/2007 and one-third on 02/14/2008. The options will expire 10 years from the date of grant.  
2,153 option shares with cashless exercise and tax withholding rights awarded on 02/20/2006 at the option price of \$89.16 per share.
  - (6) Shares will become exercisable as follows: one-third on 02/20/2007; one-third on 02/20/2008; and one-third on 02/20/2009. The options will expire 10 years from the date of grant.

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