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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HENRY CHARLES W			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol EASTERN CO [EML]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
112 BRIDGE S	112 BRIDGE STREET		(Month/Day/Year) 09/24/2008	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
NAUGATUCE	ζ, CT 06770)	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

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(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Transactio	4. Securion(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock (1)	09/24/2008		A	434	A	\$ 14.15	80,323	D	

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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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. Transac Code (Instr. 8	sactionNumber e of				7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (I	D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-qualified stock options (2)	\$ 10.17	12/15/1999		A	0		12/15/1999	01/15/2010	Common Stock	18,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
F	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
HENRY CHARLES W 112 BRIDGE STREET	X						
NAUGATUCK, CT 06770							

Signatures

Charles W. Henry, by Theresa P. Dews his attorney-in-fact

09/24/2008

**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) 434 shares acquired under The Eastern Company Director's Fee Program pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d).
- (2) The original 12/15/1999 option was for 12,500 shares at \$15.25 per share. As a result of a 3-for-2 stock split effective 10/18/2006 this option is now 18,750 shares at \$10.17 per share.

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