#### BURNS JOHN J JR

Form 5

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### FORM 5

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### ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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See Instruction Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 1(b). Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section Reported

Form 4

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** BURNS JOHN J JR			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	· /	(Check all applicable)			
			(Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2005	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify			
ALLEGHANY CORPORATION, 7 TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH FLOOR				below) below)			

(Street)

(State)

(Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

#### NEW YORK, NYÂ 10036

(City)

\_X\_ Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Acquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned at end Indirect (I) Ownership of Issuer's (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) (A) Fiscal Year or (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount (D) Price Common Â Â \$ (1) 10/20/2005 G 198 D 66,000 D Stock Common Â  $\$ \frac{(2)}{(2)}$  65,700 Â 10/20/2005 G 300 D D Stock Common Â \$ (2) 65,600 Â 11/08/2005 G 100 D D Stock Common Â Â 12/23/2005 G 400 D \$ (1) 65,200 D Stock

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Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	778 (3)	I	By wife
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	5,410	I	Superior Bulk Logistics

# 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)		ate	Amou Unde Secur	rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

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## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
BURNS JOHN J JR ALLEGHANY CORPORATION 7 TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10036	ÂX	Â	Â	Â		

## **Signatures**

Christopher K. Dalrymple,
Attorney-in-Fact

\*\*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) Gifts to non-family members
- (2) Gifts to family members who do not share repoting person's household

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(3) Includes shares of Common Stock paid by Alleghany Corporation as a stock dividend in April 2005.

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