TRAVELERS COMPANIES, INC.

Form 4

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading LACHER JOSEPH P JR Issuer Symbol TRAVELERS COMPANIES, INC. (Check all applicable) [TRV] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Other (specify _X__ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) THE TRAVELERS COMPANIES. 02/24/2009 **Executive Vice President** INC., 385 WASHINGTON STREET (Street) 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 ST. PAUL, MN 55102

(City)	(State)	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. 4. Securities Acquired (A) or TransactiorDisposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	02/24/2009		M	16,776.68 (1)	A	\$ 0	70,391.68	D		
Common Stock	02/24/2009		F	6,954.68 (2)	D	\$ 38.175	63,437	D		
Common Stock							319.835	I	401(k) Plan	
Common Stock							47	I	By Spouse	

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 Bene	ficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible secur	ities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
			Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Shares	<u>(3)</u>	02/24/2009	M	9,768 (3)	(3)	12/31/2008	Common Stock	9,768

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LACHER JOSEPH P JR THE TRAVELERS COMPANIES, INC. 385 WASHINGTON STREET ST. PAUL, MN 55102

Executive Vice President

Signatures

/s/Matthew S. Furman, by power of attorney

02/26/2009

**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).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Represents payout in shares of common stock of performance share rights previously reported on Table II. The corresponding entry for the disposition of the performance share rights is shown on Table II. The maximum target performance objectives of the performance share rights were achieved resulting in the earning of 160% of the original target shares. Also includes dividend rights previously accrued on such performance share rights and now paid in the form of additional shares of common stock.
- (2) Represents shares withheld to cover taxes in connection with the vesting of the performance share rights.
- (3) Represents the disposition (as a result of vesting and payout) of performance share rights where the performance objective for determining the number of shares earned is the Issuer's adjusted return on equity over a three year period. The actual number of shares received could range from 0-160% of the target number of shares based on a sliding scale of performance levels. The corresponding

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payout of shares of common stock (160% of the original target shares) for the achievement of the maximum performance objectives, together with shares for accrued dividend rights, are reported on Table I.

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