

KING ANDREW W
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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 *
 KING ANDREW W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 TORCHMARK CORP [TMK]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 UNITED AMERICAN
 INSURANCE COMPANY, 3700
 SOUTH STONEBRIDGE DRIVE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/26/2009

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below) 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 Exec. Officer of Principal Sub

(Street)
 MCKINNEY, TX 75070

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/26/2009		A	4,000 A \$ 0	55,000	D	
Common Stock					22,226 ⁽¹⁾	I	Thrift Plan Trust

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.5	02/26/2009		A	35,000	<u>(2)</u> 02/26/2016	Common Stock 35,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KING ANDREW W UNITED AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY 3700 SOUTH STONEBRIDGE DRIVE MCKINNEY, TX 75070				Exec. Officer of Principal Sub

Signatures

Andrew W. King, By: /s/Carol A. McCoy,
Attorney-in-fact 02/27/2009

__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) Shares in unitized fund in employee benefit plan - estimated conversion of \$ balance to shares using \$21.85 per share.
- (2) First exercisable as to 50% of shares on and after 2-26-2011 and as to remaining 50% of shares on and after 2-26-2012.

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