

MCGURN DAVID E JR
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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 *
 MCGURN DAVID E JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO
 [AJG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER &
 CO., TWO PIERCE PLACE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 04/11/2005

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 ___X___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Vice President

ITASCA, IL 60143

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	04/11/2005		I	12,913	\$ 28.2651	D	
Common Stock					717	I	by Son
Common Stock					1,434	I	by Spouse (1)
Common Stock					47,272	I	by Trust
					4,763	D	

Common
Stock
(restricted)

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
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.97					(2)	07/17/2006	Common Stock	40,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.59					(2)	06/11/2005	Common Stock	20,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.25					(2)	08/30/2008	Common Stock	40,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.5					(2)	06/20/2010	Common Stock	30,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.7					(2)	07/21/2012	Common Stock	20,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.9					01/01/2004 ⁽²⁾	07/16/2013	Common Stock	35,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.5					(2)	07/19/2011	Common Stock	20,000

Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.42	(2)	07/21/2014	Common Stock	35,000
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCGURN DAVID E JR ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO. TWO PIERCE PLACE ITASCA, IL 60143			Vice President	

Signatures

By: John C. Rosengren For: David E. McGurn, Jr.	04/12/2005
<u> </u> 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) Held by spouse as custodian for benefit of children under the Uniform Gift to Minors Act.
- (2) The stock option becomes exercisable 10% each year, commencing January 1 after the date of grant.

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