VASSALLUZZO SCOTT J

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SMITH THOMAS W

(First)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

CREDIT ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION [CACC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

01/14/2005

(Street)

(Middle)

(Zip)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Month/Day/Year)

3.

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Director X 10% Owner __X__ Other (specify Officer (give title below) below)

Member of Section 13(d) Group

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

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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

GREENWICH, CT 06830

323 RAILROAD AVENUE

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

Code (D) (Instr. 8)

Transaction(A) or Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

(D)

D

Price

4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Common Stock

01/14/2005

J(1)

61,703

Amount

1,721,297 (1)

 $I^{(2)}$

By Prescott Associates (2)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	Expiration D (Month/Day/ e	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		nd of ng s and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	or Title Nu of	umber		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
reporting owner runner runners	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
SMITH THOMAS W 323 RAILROAD AVENUE GREENWICH, CT 06830		X		Member of Section 13(d) Group				
VASSALLUZZO SCOTT J 323 RAILROAD AVENUE GREENWICH, CT 06830		X		Member of Section 13(d) Group				
PRESCOTT ASSOCIATES 323 RAILROAD AVENUE GREENWICH, CT 06830				Member of Section 13(d) Group				

Signatures

/s/ Thomas W. Smith and Scott J. Vassalluzzo, Individually and as General Partners of Prescott Associates

01/18/2005

**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) Represents a partnership distribution by Prescott Associates, without consideration, in accordance with the terms of its limited partnership agreement.

These shares are owned directly by Prescott Associates, a private investment limited partnership, and indirectly by Thomas W. Smith and Scott J. Vassalluzzo as general partners of Prescott Associates. Messrs. Smith and Vassalluzzo disclaim beneficial ownership of these shares in excess of their respective pecuniary interest in such shares under Rule 16a-1(a)(2)(ii)(B). The address for Prescott Associates is 323 Railroad Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830

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