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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** PRITCHETT DOUGLAS E	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last) (First) (Middle)	AVOCENT CORP [AVCT] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
4991 CORPORATE DRIVE	(Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2008	Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specification) Exec VP Marketing		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-D	erivative S	Securit	ties Acq	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if		4. Securit		•	5. Amount of Securities	Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	(D) (Instr. 3,	4 and 5	5)	Beneficially Owned Following	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/02/2008		F	4,195 (4)	D	\$ 22.3	29,749 (3)	D	
Common Stock							650	I	Minor Child

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. DrNumber 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
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 52.4375					09/18/2000(1)	09/18/2010	Common Stock	200,000
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 40.98					02/05/2004(2)	02/05/2014	Common Stock	30,000
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 28.96					08/19/2004(2)	08/19/2014	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
PRITCHETT DOUGLAS E 4991 CORPORATE DRIVE HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805			Exec VP Marketing				

Signatures

Richard K. Hempstead Attorney-in-Fact for Douglas E
Pritchett

01/04/2008

**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) Grant date, 15% vests every six months for the first 12 months, 6.25% vests quarterly for the following 24 months and 5% vests quarterly for the remaining 12 months.
- (2) Grant date, 25% vests after 6 months and in 10 equal quarterly installments thereafter. Vesting of unvested options (priced greater than \$25.00) accelerated and became 100% vested on December 25, 2005.
- (3) Includes time-based and performance-based (now deemed earned) restricted shares awarded on April 25, 2006: 2,742 shares vest on January 1, 2008; 7,168 shares vest equally over two years, one-half on January 1, 2008 and one-half on January 1, 2009. Includes 10,753

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time-based restricted shares granted on April 27, 2007. The shares vest equally over three years, one-third on January 1, 2008, one-third on January 1, 2009 and one-third January 1, 2010.

(4) 4,195 Shares were withheld as payment for taxes at the release of restricted shares on January 2, 2008.

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