

MERCURY GENERAL CORP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 McCathron Richard

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 MERCURY GENERAL CORP  
 [MCY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 8240 N. MOPAC EXPRESSWAY,  
 #215  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/16/2007

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Vice President

AUSTIN, TX 78759

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/16/2007		M	5,000 A \$ 31.22	5,190	D <sup>(1)</sup>	
Common Stock					650	I	ESOP Plan <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	05/16/2007		M	5,000 A \$ 29.77	10,190	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2007		S	10,000 D \$ 56.6934	190	D	

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock	\$ 51.43	10/29/2004		A	10,000	10/29/2005 10/29/2014	Common Stock	10,000	
Common Stock	\$ 29.77	05/16/2007		M	5,000	10/27/2001 10/27/2010	Common Stock	5,000	
Common Stock	\$ 31.22	05/16/2007		M	5,000	08/10/2000 08/10/2009	Common Stock	5,000	
Common Stock	\$ 51.365					04/30/2005 04/30/2014	Common Stock	5,000	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
McCathron Richard 8240 N. MOPAC EXPRESSWAY, #215 AUSTIN, TX 78759			Vice President	

## Signatures

Judy Walters, Attorney-In-Fact for Richard McCathron 05/18/2007

\*\*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) 175 shares held as joint tenant with mother. 190 shares held as joint tenant with wife
- (2) Allocations and disposition since last report

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