

TIRADOR GABRIEL  
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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 \*  
TIRADOR GABRIEL

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)  
1700 GREENBRIAR LANE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/03/2009

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President / Director

BREA, CA 92821  
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  
03/03/2009

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

**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)<br>Code V Amount (D) Price                             |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 932   | I  | ESOP Plan                         |
| Common Stock                    | 03/03/2009                           |  | P                              | 4,000 A \$ 24.9   | 22,088  | 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|------------------------------|
| Common Stock                               | \$ 41.56   |                                      |  |                                |   | 10/26/2002 10/26/2011                                    | Common Stock  | 50,000                       |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                            | Relationships |           |           |          |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer   | Other    |
| TIRADOR GABRIEL<br>1700 GREENBRIAR LANE<br>BREA, CA 92821 | X             |           | President | Director |

## Signatures

Judy Walters, Attorney-In-Fact for Gabriel Tirador  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 03/16/2009

\*\*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).

### Remarks:

Transaction code should have been marked a "P" (purchase) instead of an "S"

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