

Kessel Steven  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Kessel Steven

(Last) (First) (Middle)

P.O. BOX 81226

(Street)

SEATTLE, WA 98108-1226

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AMAZON COM INC [AMZN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/15/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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	(D)	Price
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	05/15/2011		M		5,000	A	\$ 0
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	05/15/2011		M		2,000	A	\$ 0
Common Stock, par	05/16/2011		S <sup>(1)</sup>		3,500	D	\$ 200.54

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit Award	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>	05/15/2011		M	5,000	05/15/2011 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/15/2014	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	5,000
Restricted Stock Unit Award	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>	05/15/2011		M	2,000	05/15/2011 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/15/2016	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	2,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
			Senior Vice President	

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## Signatures

/s/ Steven Kessel, Senior Vice  
President

05/17/2011

\_\_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) This transaction was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- (2) Converts into Common Stock on a one-for-one basis.

This award vests based upon the following vesting schedule and the satisfaction of certain business criteria intended to qualify the award as tax-deductible compensation under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code: 5,000 shares on each of May 15, 2011, August 15, 2011, November 15, 2011 and February 15, 2012 and 3,750 shares on each of May 15, 2012, August 15, 2012, November 15, 2012, February 15, 2013, May 15, 2013, August 15, 2013, November 15, 2013 and February 15, 2014.

- (3) This award vests based upon the following vesting schedule and the satisfaction of certain business criteria intended to qualify the award as tax-deductible compensation under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code: 2,000 shares on each of May 15, 2011, August 15, 2011, November 15, 2011, February 15, 2012, May 15, 2012, August 15, 2012, November 15, 2012, February 15, 2013, May 15, 2013, August 15, 2013, November 15, 2013, February 15, 2014, May 15, 2014, August 15, 2014, November 15, 2014, February 15, 2015, May 15, 2015, August 15, 2015, November 15, 2015 and February 15, 2016.
- (4) 2011, November 15, 2011, February 15, 2012, May 15, 2012, August 15, 2012, November 15, 2012, February 15, 2013, May 15, 2013, August 15, 2013, November 15, 2013, February 15, 2014, May 15, 2014, August 15, 2014, November 15, 2014, February 15, 2015, May 15, 2015, August 15, 2015, November 15, 2015 and February 15, 2016.

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