

INTER TEL INC  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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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)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Gardner John L</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O INTER-TEL (DELAWARE), INCORPORATED,Â 1615 SOUTH 52ND STREET</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>TEMPE,Â AZÂ 85281</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>02/13/2007</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>INTER TEL INC [INTL]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Sr. V.P. &amp; General Counsel</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	1,670	D <sup>(1)</sup>	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Stock Options	Â (2)	05/28/2007	Common Stock	21,000	\$ 7.9375	D	Â
Stock Options	Â (3)	08/08/2010	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 12.875	D	Â
Stock Options	Â (4)	03/09/2011	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 9.0313	D	Â
Stock Options	Â (5)	04/30/2011	Common Stock	7,500	\$ 9.89	D	Â
Stock Options	Â (6)	04/14/2013	Common Stock	9,000	\$ 13.57	D	Â
Stock Options	Â (7)	05/03/2015	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 19.13	D	Â
Stock Options	Â (8)	07/28/2016	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 21.23	D	Â
Performance Shares	Â (9)	04/27/2009	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 21.23 (10)	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Gardner John L C/O INTER-TEL (DELAWARE), INCORPORATED 1615 SOUTH 52ND STREET TEMPE, AZ 85281	Â	Â	Â Sr. V.P. & General Counsel	Â

## Signatures

Kurt R. Kneip 02/23/2007

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) 350 shares of the total of 1670 shares held in a 401(k) account
- (2) 1/5th of the original grant of 40,000 on each anniversary of grant date 5/28/1997
- (3) 1/5th of the original grant of 10,000 on each anniversary of grant date 08/08/2000
- (4) 1/5th of the original grant of 15,000 on each anniversary of original grant date 03/09/2001

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- (5) 1/5th of the original grant of 7,500 on each anniversary of grant date 04/30/2001
- (6) 1/5th of the original grant of 9,000 on each anniversary of grant date 04/14/2003
- (7) 1/3rd of the original grant of 10,000 on each anniversary of grant date of 05/03/2005
- (8) 1/3rd of the original grant of 10,000 on each anniversary of grant date 07/28/2006
- (9) 1/2 on 04/27/2008 and 1/2 on 04/27/2009 so long as the Company meets or exceeds selected earnings per share targets
- (10) Although the market price on the date of the award was \$21.23, should the performance goals be achieved, the shares will be issued at no cost

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