ALTRIA GROUP, INC.

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

6601 WEST BROAD STREET

MUNOZ GEORGE

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ALTRIA GROUP, INC. [MO]

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

12/31/2008

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

D

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

RICHMOND, VA 23230

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

13,946 (1)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Common Stock

Security

(Instr. 3)

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)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. Pric Deriva Securi (Instr.
Phantom			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	\$ 15

(3)

Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
. Programme and the same	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
MUNOZ GEORGE 6601 WEST BROAD STREET RICHMOND, VA 23230	X					
	X					

Signatures

Units

Sean X. McKessy for George 01/05/2009 Munoz

**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).
- Includes 12,946 deferred shares held in the Stock Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors. This is an increase of 454 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends since September 30, 2008, the date of the last reportable transaction.
- Phantom Stock Units convert to the cash value of the issuer's common stock on a 1-for-1 basis.
- (3) These units were acquired on December 31, 2008 pursuant to the Deferred Fee Plan for Non-Employee Directors.
- The distribution of phantom stock units in cash is deferred until a specific date as elected by the participant or upon termination of service as a member of the issuer's board of directors.
- (5) The average of the high and low price of Altria Group, Inc. common stock on December 31, 2008.
- Share equivalents held in the Deferred Fee Plan for Non-Employee Directors. This includes an increase of 1,643 share equivalents acquired under the Deferred Fee Plan for Non-Employee Directors and 191 share equivalents acquired through the reinvestment of dividends since September 30, 2008, the date of the last reportable transaction.

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