

ALLEGHANY CORP /DE
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FORM 4

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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 *
BURNS JOHN J JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ALLEGHANY CORPORATION, 7
TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH
FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10036

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ALLEGHANY CORP /DE [Y]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/30/2007

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	04/04/2007		G	150	D	<u>(1)</u>	78,748 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	04/30/2007		A	250	A	<u>(3)</u>	78,998	D
Common Stock	05/04/2007		G	1,100	D	<u>(4)</u>	77,898	D
Common Stock	05/21/2007		G	150	D	<u>(4)</u>	77,748	D
Common Stock	05/23/2007		G	10	D	<u>(4)</u>	787 <u>(2)</u>	I
								By wife

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Gifts to family members who do not share reporting person's household
- (2) Includes shares of Common Stock paid by Alleghany Corporation as a stock dividend on April 27, 2007 to stockholders of record on April 2, 2007.
- (3) Grant of restricted stock for no cash consideration under 2005 Directors' Stock Plan
- (4) Gift to non-family member
- (5) One-third of such option becomes exercisable on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant. The option was granted for no cash consideration.

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