

Kirby Jefferson
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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 *
 Kirby Jefferson

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O 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)
 05/04/2011

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)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price (1) (2)			
Common Stock	05/04/2011		J(1)(2)	3,732 A (1) (2)	71,393	D	
Common Stock	05/04/2011		J(1)	3,181 D (1)	159,096	I	Held by trusts of which reporting person is co-trustee and beneficiary
	05/04/2011		J(2)	551 D (2)	27,586 (3)	I	

Common
Stock

Held by
trust of
which
reporting
person is
sole trustee
and
beneficiary

Common
Stock

1,081 I

Held by
limited
partnership
in which
reporting
person has a
pecuniary
interest

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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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Kirby Jefferson C/O ALLEGHANY CORPORATION 7 TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH FLOOR	X			

NEW YORK, NY 10036

Signatures

Christopher K. Dalrymple,
Attorney-in-Fact

05/06/2011

__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) Distributions to reporting person by trusts of which he is co-trustee and beneficiary of shares of Common Stock received by such trusts as stock dividends in April 2011.
- (2) Distribution to reporting person by a trust of which he is sole trustee and beneficiary of shares of Common Stock received by such trust as a stock dividend in April 2011.
- (3) Reflects shares of Common Stock held in a trust of which reporting person has been the beneficiary and recently became sole trustee as well.

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