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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **BOTTEGAL DAVID A** Issuer Symbol **NELNET INC [NNI]** (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 121 S. 13TH STREET, SUITE 201 03/16/2005 below) Chief Marketing Officer (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting LINCOLN, NE 68508 Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-E	Derivative (Securi	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly 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 action(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Class A Common Stock	03/16/2005		S <u>(1)</u>	15,000	D	\$ 33	465,955.7 <u>(2)</u>	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/16/2005		S <u>(1)</u>	1,700	D	\$ 33.01	467,655.7 <u>(2)</u>	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/16/2005		S <u>(1)</u>	800	D	\$ 33.05	468,455.7 <u>(2)</u>	D	
Class A Common	03/16/2005		S <u>(1)</u>	16,800	D	\$ 33.65	485,255.7 (2)	D	

Stock

Class A Common Stock	03/16/2005	S <u>(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 33.9	485,355.7 (2)	D
Class A Common Stock	03/16/2005	S <u>(1)</u>	600	D	\$ 34	485,955.7 <u>(2)</u>	D

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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (Instr.	ction 8)	5. inNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Securi (Instr.	nt of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
			Code.	V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BOTTEGAL DAVID A 121 S. 13TH STREET, SUITE 201 LINCOLN, NE 68508

Chief Marketing Officer

Signatures

/David A. Bottegal/ 03/18/2005

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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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) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on December 14, 2004.
- (2) These shares include 345.70 shares of Class A Common Stock which the reporting person has acquired from the issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan since his last filing.

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