

PERRI JOHN T
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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 *
 PERRI JOHN T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 PICO HOLDINGS INC /NEW [PICO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 875 PROSPECT STREET, SUITE 301
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/21/2005

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 Vice President, Controller

LA JOLLA, CA 92037-4264

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|-----------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | | |
| COMMON | 09/21/2005 | | M | 16,000 | A | \$ 15 | 263 | I | 401K PLAN |
| COMMON | 09/21/2005 | | D | 16,000 | D | \$ 33.23 | 263 | I | 401K PLAN |

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) | 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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|
| STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHTS | \$ 15 | 09/21/2005 | | M | 16,000 | 07/17/2003 08/08/1988 ⁽¹⁾ | COMM |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PERRI JOHN T 875 PROSPECT STREET SUITE 301 LA JOLLA, CA 92037-4264 | | | Vice President, Controller | |

Signatures

John T. Perri by James F. Mosier per Power of Attorney dated July 2, 2003. 09/23/2005

__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) (1) There is no expiration date.

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