AVOCENT CORP Form 4 April 27, 2006

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HARPER EDWIN L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

(Middle)

(Zip)

AVOCENT CORP [AVCT]

(Check all applicable)

(First)

(Street)

(State)

9911 WILLOWS ROAD N.E.

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

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

04/25/2006

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

X 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

below)

REDMOND, WA 98052

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

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

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

(A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

7,723

Code V Amount (D) Price

Common 04/25/2006 Stock

6,742 A \$0

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)

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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) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. DrNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year | | 7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and | Securities | 8 I S S (|
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Options (rights to buy) | \$ 52.4375 | | | | | 09/18/2000(1) | 09/18/2010 | Common Stock | 20,000 | |
| Options (rights to buy) | \$ 21.77 | | | | | 04/15/2002(1) | 04/15/2012 | Common Stock | 20,000 | |
| Options (rights to buy) | \$ 27.25 | | | | | 03/07/2003(1) | 03/07/2013 | Common Stock | 15,000 | |
| Options (rights to buy) | \$ 40.98 | | | | | 02/05/2004(1) | 02/05/2014 | Common Stock | 10,000 | |
| Options (rights to buy) | \$ 26.14 | | | | | 06/30/2005(2) | 06/30/2015 | Common Stock | 4,200 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| 1 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| HARPER EDWIN L | | | | | | |
| 9911 WILLOWS ROAD N.E. | X | | | | | |
| REDMOND, WA 98052 | | | | | | |

Signatures

Doyle C. Weeks as attorney-in-fact for Edwin L
Harper 04/27/2006

**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) Grant date, exercisable in 24 equal monthly installments beginning one month from date of grant.

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- (2) Grant date, 100% vests on December 31, 2005.
- (3) These are time-based restricted shares; 6,742 shares vest equally over two years, 50% on January 1, 2007 and 50% on January 1, 2008. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.