AVOCENT CORP Form 4 January 26, 2009

## FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PERRY CHARLES D			Symbol		Ticker or Trading	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				ii uii uppiiouoio	,
1512 PALIS	ADES POINT	E LANE	(Month/D 01/22/20	•		Director _X_ Officer (give below) EVI	title 10% below) P & MSD GM	
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	Perivative Securities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea			3. Transaction Code	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
		(Month Day) Tear)	Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/22/2009		M	8,938 (6)	D	\$ 14.97	83,330 (4)	D	
Common Stock	01/22/2009		D	789 <u>(7)</u>	D	\$ 14.97	82,541 <u>(4)</u>	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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## $\label{thm:convertible} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Securities	6. Date Exercisal Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea		7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 an
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 20.8125					03/12/2001(1)	03/12/2011	Common
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 21.77					04/15/2002(2)	04/15/2012	Common Stock
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 27.25					03/07/2003(2)	03/07/2013	Common Stock
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 40.98					02/05/2004(2)	02/05/2014	Common Stock
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 28.96					08/19/2004(3)	08/19/2014	Common Stock
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 26.14					06/30/2005(3)	06/30/2015	Common Stock
Performance-share award with Market Conditions	\$ 14.97	01/22/2009		M	8,938	3 01/22/2008 <u>(5)</u>	02/19/2018	Common Stock

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

PERRY CHARLES D 1512 PALISADES POINTE LANE

EVP & MSD GM

AUSTIN, TX 78738

### **Signatures**

Rickard K. Hempstead Attorney-in-Fact for Charles
Perry
01/26/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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) Grant date, 25% exercisable on March 12, 2002 and in 12 equal quarterly installments thereafter.
- (2) Grant date, 25% vests after 6 months and in 10 equal quarterly installments thereafter. Vesting of unvested options (priced greater than \$25.00) accelerated and became 100% vested on December 25, 2005.
- (3) Grant date, 100% vests on December 31, 2005.
  - Includes time-based and performance-based (now deemed earned) restricted shares awarded on April 27, 2007, and February 19, 2008.

    11,863 shares vest on January 1, 2010, and 7,562 shares vest on January 1, 2011. This also includes 13,000 shares of restricted stock units granted on July 14, 2008. These shares vest on the earlier of the first anniversary of the grant date or the closing price of Avocent's
- granted on July 14, 2008. These shares vest on the earlier of the first anniversary of the grant date or the closing price of Avocent's common stock being at or above a specified level for each trading day during any consecutive 30 calendar day period.
- Earned Date; These are Performance Shares granted on February 19, 2008 now deemed earned at fifty percent. 2,980 shares will vest on January 22, 2009 with the remaining two-thirds vesting in equal amounts on January 1, 2010 and January 1, 2011.
- These are Market-Condition based Performance Shares granted on February 19, 2008 now deemed earned at fifty percent. 2,980 shares will vest on January 22, 2009 with the remaining two-thirds vesting in equal amounts on January 1, 2010 and January 1, 2011.
- (7) 789 shares were withheld as payment for taxes at the release of restricted shares on January 22, 2009.

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