

AVOCENT CORP  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
PRITCHETT DOUGLAS E

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
4991 CORPORATE DRIVE  
(Street)

HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AVOCENT CORP [AVCT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/19/2008

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)  
Exec VP Marketing

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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\_\_\_\_ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	02/19/2008		A		9,875 (4)	A	\$ 0
Common Stock					39,624 (3)	D	
					650	I	Minor Child

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 52.4375					09/18/2000 <sup>(1)</sup> 09/18/2010	Common Stock
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 40.98					02/05/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/05/2014	Common Stock
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 28.96					08/19/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> 08/19/2014	Common Stock
Performance-share Award with Market Conditions	\$ 0 <sup>(5)</sup>	02/19/2008		A	16,046	02/19/2008 <sup>(5)</sup> 02/19/2018	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PRITCHETT DOUGLAS E 4991 CORPORATE DRIVE HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805			Exec VP Marketing	

## Signatures

Richard K. Hempstead Attorney-in-Fact for Douglas E Pritchett 02/21/2008

\_\_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, 15% vests every six months for the first 12 months, 6.25% vests quarterly for the following 24 months and 5% vests quarterly for the remaining 12 months.

(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) Includes time-based and performance-based (now deemed earned) restricted shares awarded on April 25, 2006: 6,236 shares vest on January 1, 2009. This also includes time-based restricted shares granted on April 27, 2007: 3,584 shares vest on January 1, 2009 and 3,584 shares vest on January 1, 2010.

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These are time-based restricted shares granted on February 19, 2008. These shares vest equally over three years, one-third on January 1, 2009, one-third on January 1, 2010, and one-third on January 1, 2011.

- (5) Grant date; These are performance-shares awards with market conditions tied to company stock price to be earned over a two year period. If earned, the shares will vest over a three year period beginning Janaury 1, 2008.

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