

BLANKENSHIP EDWARD H

Form 4

June 30, 2009

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BLANKENSHIP EDWARD H

(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)
06/26/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

Senior VP Finance & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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

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)
Common Stock	06/26/2009		A	(A) or (D) Amount 25,000 (7)	Price \$ 14.21	72,752 (4)	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. 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)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 15.46					07/25/2002 ⁽¹⁾	07/25/2012
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 27.25					03/07/2003 ⁽²⁾	03/07/2013
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 40.98					02/05/2004 ⁽²⁾	02/05/2014
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 28.96					08/19/2004 ⁽²⁾	08/19/2014
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 26.14					06/30/2005 ⁽³⁾	06/30/2015
Performance-share awards with Market Conditions	\$ 0					02/19/2008 ⁽⁵⁾	02/19/2018
Performance-share awards with Market Conditions	\$ 0 ⁽⁶⁾	06/26/2009		A	31,250	06/26/2009 ⁽⁶⁾	06/26/2019

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
BLANKENSHIP EDWARD H 4991 CORPORATE DRIVE HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805	Senior VP Finance & CFO

Signatures

Richard K. Hempstead Attorney-in-Fact for Edward H. Blankenship
 06/30/2009
 **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).
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Grant date, options vest over four years, 25% on the first anniversary of the grant date and 6.25% quarterly over the remaining 12 quarters.

- (2) Grant date, 25% vests after 6 months, 7.5% vests every three months for the final 10 quarters. Vesting of unvested options accelerated and became 100% vested on December 25, 2005.
- (3) Grant date, 100% vested on December 31, 2005.
Includes 48,600 time-based and performance-based (now deemed earned). 17,747 shares vest in Quarter 1 of 2010, 14,520 shares vest in Quarter 1 of 2011, and 8,333 shares vest in Quarter 1 of 2012. This also includes 8,000 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 common stock being at or above a specified level for each trading day during any consecutive 30 calendar day period.
- (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 January 1, 2009.
- (6) 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 February 8, 2010.
- (7) These are time-based restricted shares granted on June 26, 2009. These shares vest equally over three years, one-third on February 8, 2010, one-third on February 8, 2011, and one-third on February 8, 2012.

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