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FORM 4

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

			Symbol AMER	AMERICAN STATES WATER CO				Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle)				[AWR]				• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		
(Last)	(First)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)					_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify			
				05/11/2006				below) below)		
				4. If Amendment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
	Filed(Mo	Filed(Month/Day/Year)				Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person				
BIG FORK, MT 59911								Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, i any (Month/Day/Year)			Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)				5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Direct Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I) Reported (Instr. 4) Transaction(s)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common	02/10/2006			A	21.497	A	\$ 31.4	11,044.7373	D	
Common	02/10/2006			A	7.1656	A	\$ 31.4	11,051.9029	D	
Common	02/10/2006			A	7.1656	A	\$ 31.4	11,059.0685	D	
Common	02/10/2006			A	5.573	A	\$ 31.4	11,064.6415	D	
Common	02/10/2006			A	5.225	A	\$ 31.4	11,069.8665	D	

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Common 11,071.1775 02/10/2006 26.3436 \$0 11,133.5211 Common 03/31/2006 Α D (1)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8 Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Underlying Securities Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Acquired (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Derivative (A) or Security Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Amount Date Expiration Title Number Exercisable Date of Code V (A) (D) Shares Stock \$41.94 05/09/2006 3,000 05/09/2006 05/08/2016 Common A 3,000

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address Director 10% Owner Officer Other **ROSS LLOYD E** PO BOX 2380 X BIG FORK, MT 59911

Signatures

Option

/s/ Lloyd E. 05/11/2006 Ross **Signature of Date Reporting Person

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).
- Updated Stock in Dividend Reinvestment Plan

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