FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Last) 700 CENTRA	(First) L AVENUE	(Middle)			Relationship of Reporting Pers (Check all applicable) X Director Officer (give title below)		son(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify below)		5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			
(Street) LOUISVILLE	KY	40208							Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned												
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)			2.	. Amou	int of Securities ally Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership		4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)				
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)												
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) 2. Date Exercisabl Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			ate		tle and Amount of Securit erlying Derivative Securit		4. Conversion	ise Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)			
		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	on on		Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivativ Security	ve or Indirect				

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

No securities are beneficially owned.

James F. McDonald 09/10/2008

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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