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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **MACSWEENEY KIERAN** Issuer Symbol AVOCENT CORP [AVCT] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 4991 CORPORATE DRIVE 01/22/2009 below) Senior VP, Managing Dir. Inter (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805** Person (City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial

Owned Indirect (I) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Following (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price 3,315 Common 01/22/2009 M $33,667 \stackrel{(5)}{=}$ D (7)14.97 Stock

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)

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Deriva Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	tive s	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 an
				Code V	(A) (I))	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 26.94						05/02/2000(1)	05/02/2010	Common Stock
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 52.44						09/18/2000(2)	09/18/2010	Common Stock
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 22.36						05/25/2001(3)	05/25/2011	Common Stock
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 27.25						03/07/2003(3)	03/07/2013	Common Stock
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 40.98						02/05/2004(3)	02/05/2014	Common Stock
Option (rights to buy)	\$ 28.96						08/19/2004(3)	08/19/2014	Common Stock
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 26.14						06/30/2005(4)	06/30/2015	Common Stock
Performance-share Award with Market Conditions	\$ 14.97	01/22/2009		M	3,3	15	01/22/2009(6)	02/19/2018	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MACSWEENEY KIERAN 4991 CORPORATE DRIVE HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805			Senior VP, Managing Dir. Inter				

Signatures

Richard K. Hempstead as Attorney-in-Fact- for Kieran	
MacSweeney	01/26/2009
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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- * 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, 50% vest and become exercisable on the first anniversary of the grant date and 25% on each grant date anniversary for the following two years.
- (2) Grant date, 15% vests every 6 months for the first 12 months, 6.25% vests every three months for the following 24 months and 5% vests every three months over the remaining 12 months.
- (3) Grant date, 25% vests after 6 months and 7.5% vests every three months over the remaining 10 quarters. The vesting of all unvested options will accelerate and become 100% vested on December 25, 2005 if the reporting person is an employee on that date.
- (4) Grant date, 100% vested on December 31, 2005.
- Includes time-based and performance-based (now deemed earned) restricted shares awarded on April 27, 2007 and February 19, 2008.

 5,314 shares vest on January 1, 2010, and 2,805 shares vest on January 1, 2011. This also includes 4,000 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.
- Earned Date; These are Performance Shares granted on February 19, 2008 now deemed earned at fifty percent. 1,105 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) These are Market-Condition based Performance Shares granted on February 19, 2008 now deemed earned at fifty percent 1,105 shares will vest on January 22, 2009 with the remaining two-thirds vesting in equal amounts on January 1, 2010 and January 1, 2011.

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