

Verso Paper Corp.  
Form 4  
May 22, 2008

**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 \*  
Puckett L H

(Last) (First) (Middle)

6775 LENOX CENTER COURT,  
SUITE 400

(Street)

MEMPHIS, TN 38115

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

Verso Paper Corp. [VRS]

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

05/20/2008

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ 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)
				(A) or (D)			
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. D

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						(I
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Units <u>(1)</u>	\$ 0	05/20/2008	J <u>(2)</u>		181,121		<u>(3)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	181,121

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Puckett L H  
6775 LENOX CENTER COURT, SUITE 400 X  
MEMPHIS, TN 38115

## Signatures

/s/ Peter H. Kesser,  
attorney-in-fact 05/22/2008

          \*\*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) The reporting person owns units representing a limited partner interest in Verso Paper Management LP.

On May 20, 2008, Verso Paper Corp. completed its initial public offering of common stock. On that date, and in connection with the closing of the offering, the limited partnership agreement of Verso Paper Management LP, which before the offering had been the sole stockholder of Verso Paper Corp., was amended to, among other things, provide that each unit in Verso Paper Management LP may be exchanged, subject to certain restrictions, for one share of common stock of Verso Paper Corp. owned by Verso Paper Management LP.

As described in the limited partnership agreement of Verso Paper Management LP, and subject to certain exceptions set forth therein, the units in Verso Paper Management LP are exchangeable for common stock of Verso Paper Corp. beginning one day following the date that is the later of (a) one year following the consummation of the initial public offering of Verso Paper Corp. (i.e., May 20, 2009) and (b) the expiration of any "lock-up" agreement applicable to the offering to which the reporting person is bound.

(4) The right to exchange units in Verso Paper Management LP for common stock of Verso Paper Corp. has no expiration date.

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