

Benz James W
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Benz James W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 GENESEE & WYOMING INC
 [GWR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 66 FIELD POINT ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/17/2012

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

GREENWICH, CT 06830

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

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

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)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Class A Common Stock, \$.01 par value	02/17/2012		A	17,042	A	\$ 60.56 (1) (2)	67,328 (3) D
Class A Common Stock, \$.01 par value	02/17/2012		S	14,484	D	\$ 60.56	52,844 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)

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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 39.08	02/17/2012		M	7,802	(4)	05/26/2012	Class A Common Stock, \$.01 par value	7,802
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.89	02/17/2012		M	9,240	(5)	02/26/2013	Class A Common Stock, \$.01 par value	9,240

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Benz James W 66 FIELD POINT ROAD GREENWICH, CT 06830			Chief Operating Officer	

Signatures

Allison M. Fergus, Attorney in Fact for James W. Benz
 02/21/2012

__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 undertakes to provide upon request by the Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price for all transactions reported on this Form

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- (2) Represents the weighted average sales price increments ranging from \$60.33 to \$60.83.
- (3) All shares are held in a joint account with spouse.
- (4) This option award was granted under the Genesee & Wyoming Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2004 Omnibus Incentive Plan and vested in three equal installments beginning May 27, 2009.
- (5) This option award was granted under the Genesee & Wyoming Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2004 Omnibus Incentive Plan and vested in three equal installments beginning February 26, 2010.

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