

AVOCENT CORP
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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 *
THOMAS CHRISTOPHER L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4991 CORPORATE DRIVE

(Street)

HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AVOCENT CORP [AVCT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/02/2007

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)
Chief Technology Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | 02/02/2007 | | A | | 7,957 (5) \$ 0 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/02/2007 | | F | | 835 (6) \$ 35.44 | 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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Options (rights to buy) | \$ 52.44 | | | | | 09/18/2000 ⁽¹⁾ 09/18/2010 | Common Stock | 175,000 |
| Options (rights to buy) | \$ 27.25 | | | | | 03/07/2003 ⁽²⁾ 03/07/2013 | Common Stock | 40,000 |
| Option (rights to buy) | \$ 40.98 | | | | | 02/05/2004 ⁽²⁾ 02/05/2014 | Common Stock | 30,000 |
| Options (rights to buy) | \$ 28.96 | | | | | 08/19/2004 ⁽²⁾ 08/19/2014 | Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Options (rights to buy) | \$ 26.14 | | | | | 06/30/2005 ⁽³⁾ 06/30/2015 | Common Stock | 7,200 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| THOMAS CHRISTOPHER L 4991 CORPORATE DRIVE HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805 | | | Chief Technology Officer | |

Signatures

Edward H. Blankenship Attorney-in Fact for Christopher L Thomas

 **Signature of Reporting Person

02/06/2007

 Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Grant date, 15% vests every 6 months for the first 12 months, 6.25% vests every three months for the following twelve months and 5% vests every three months for the final 12 months.
- (2) Grant date, 25% vests after 6 months, 7.5% vests every three months for final 10 quarters. Vesting of unvested options accelerated and became 100% vested on December 25, 2005.
- (3) Grant date, 100% vested on December 31, 2005.
- (4) Includes time-based restricted shares awarded on April 25, 2006: 2,322 shares vest on January 1, 2008; 7,168 shares vest equally over two years, one-half on January 1, 2008 and one-half on January 1, 2009.
These are performance-based restricted shares, originally granted on April 25, 2006, and determined as earned by the Avocent Corporation Compensation Committee on February 2, 2007. The shares vest equally over three years, one-third on February 2, 2007, one-third on January 1, 2008, and one third on January 1, 2009.
- (5) Corporation Compensation Committee on February 2, 2007. The shares vest equally over three years, one-third on February 2, 2007, one-third on January 1, 2008, and one third on January 1, 2009.
- (6) These shares surrendered for tax withholding in connection with the February 2, 2007 vesting.

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