

TRAVELERS COMPANIES, INC.
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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 *
BESSETTE ANDY F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
TRAVELERS COMPANIES, INC.
[TRV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
THE TRAVELERS COMPANIES, INC., 385 WASHINGTON STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/24/2009

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP and Chief Admin Officer

ST. PAUL, MN 55102

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/24/2009		M	(A) or (D)	6,710.33 (1)	A	\$ 0 36,245.33 D
Common Stock	02/24/2009		F	(A) or (D)	2,202.33 (2)	D	\$ 38.175 34,043 D
Common Stock					1,156.225 (3)	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock					22 (4)	I	By Son

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Shares	(5)	02/24/2009		M	3,907 (5)	(5) 12/31/2008	Common Stock	3,907

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BESSETTE ANDY F
THE TRAVELERS COMPANIES, INC.
385 WASHINGTON STREET
ST. PAUL, MN 55102

EVP and Chief Admin Officer

Signatures

/s/Matthew S. Furman, by power of attorney

02/26/2009

**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) Represents payout in shares of common stock of performance share rights previously reported on Table II. The corresponding entry for the disposition of the performance share rights is shown on Table II. The maximum target performance objectives of the performance share rights were achieved resulting in the earning of 160% of the original target shares. Also includes dividend rights previously accrued on such performance share rights and now paid in the form of additional shares of common stock.
- (2) Represents shares withheld to cover taxes in connection with the vesting of the performance share rights.
- (3) Includes common shares and shares of common stock that may be acquired upon the conversion of shares of Series B Preferred Stock, each of which is convertible into 8 shares of common stock.

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- (4) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

Represents the disposition (as a result of vesting and payout) of performance share rights where the performance objective for determining the number of shares earned is the Issuer's adjusted return on equity over a three year period. The actual number of shares

- (5) received could range from 0-160% of the target number of shares based on a sliding scale of performance levels. The corresponding payout of shares of common stock (160% of the original target shares) for the achievement of the maximum performance objectives, together with shares for accrued dividend rights, are reported on Table I.

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