

Grimes Benjamin R
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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 *
 Grimes Benjamin R

(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)
 07/01/2009

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 Technical 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 | 07/01/2009 | | F | | 511 ⁽⁴⁾ D \$ 14.02 | 46,783 ⁽¹⁾ | D |
| Common Stock | 07/14/2009 | | F | | 1,933 ⁽⁵⁾ D \$ 13.67 | 44,850 ⁽⁶⁾ | 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Performance-share Award with Market Conditions | \$ 0 | | | | | 02/19/2008 ⁽²⁾ 06/06/2018 | Common Stock |
| Performance-share award with Market Conditions | \$ 0 | | | | | 06/26/2009 ⁽³⁾ 06/26/2019 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Grimes Benjamin R 4991 CORPORATE DRIVE HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805 | | | Chief Technical Officer | |

Signatures

Richard K Hempstead Attorney-in-Fact for Benjamin R Grimes

 **Signature of Reporting Person

07/16/2009

 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) Includes 40,915 time-based and performance-based (now deemed earned). 20,125 shares vest in 2010, 12,457 shares vest in 2011, and 8,333 shares vest in 2012.
- (2) Grant date; These are performance-shares awards with market conditions tied to company stock price to be earned over a two year period. If earned, the shares will vest over a three year period beginning January 1, 2009.
- (3) Grant date; These are performance-shares awards with market conditions tied to company stock price to be earned over a two year period. If earned, the shares will vest over a three year period beginning February 8, 2010.
- (4) 511 shares were withheld as payment for taxes at the release of 1,584 restricted shares on July 1, 2009.
- (5) 1,933 shares were withheld as payment for taxes at the release of 4,875 restricted shares on July 14, 2009.

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- (6) Includes 34,915 time-based and performance-based (now deemed earned). 14,125 shares vest in 2010, 12,457 shares vest in 2011, and 8,333 shares vest in 2012.

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