

21ST CENTURY HOLDING CO  
Form 4  
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**Form 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

|   |         |          |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|---------|----------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><b>Lawson, Edward J.</b>                    |         |          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>21st Century Holding Company (TCHC)</b> |  |  | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   |  |  |
| (Last)  | (First) | (Middle) | 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)             | 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year<br><b>02/12/2003</b> |  | (Check all applicable)<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)<br><br><b>Chief Executive Officer and President</b> |  |  |
| 4161 NW 5 Street  |         |          |   | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)   |  |  |  |  |
| (Street)  |         |          | Plantation, Florida 33317   |  |  | (City) (State) (Zip)   |  |  |
| <b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b> |         |          |   |  |  |  |  |  |

| 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 Transactions (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|-----|---|------------|-------|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/12/2003                           |  | S                              | (1) | 100   | D          | 9.60  |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/14/2003                           |  | S                              | (1) | 1,000   | D          | 9.43  |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/14/2003                           |  | S                              | (1) | 500   | D          | 9.60  |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/14/2003                           |  | S                              | (1) | 400   | D          | 9.61  | 542,089   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |     |   |            |       | 542,089   | I  | By Spouse, Michele V Lawson                           |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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**FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|-----|--|-----------------|---|----------------------------|--|--|--|
|  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |  |  |  |
|  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 06/04/2003 (2)   | 06/04/2008      | Common Stock  | 100,000                    | 12.50                                      | 100,000  | D  |
|  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 06/04/2003 (2)   | 06/04/2008      | Common Stock  | 50,000                     | 12.50                                      | 50,000   | I  |
|  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 06/05/2002 (3)   | 06/05/2011      | Common Stock  | 3,000                      | 10.00                                      | 3,000  | D  |
|  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 06/05/2002 (3)   | 06/05/2011      | Common Stock  | 3,000                      | 10.00                                      | 3,000  | I  |
|  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 06/06/2001 (4)   | 06/06/2010      | Common Stock  | 3,000                      | 10.00                                      | 3,000  | D  |
|  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 06/06/2001 (4)   | 06/06/2010      | Common Stock  | 3,000                      | 10.00                                      | 3,000  | I  |
|  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 09/16/1999 (5)   | 09/16/2008      | Common Stock  | 16,000                     | 10.00                                      | 16,000   | D  |
|  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 09/16/1999 (5)   | 09/16/2008      | Common Stock  | 10,000                     | 10.00                                      | 10,000   | I  |

Explanation of Responses:

1. This proposed sale is pursuant to a previously adopted plan dated 12/30/2002 intended to comply with Rule 10B5-1C.
2. The options vest 20% per year beginning June 4, 2003.
3. The options vest 25% per year beginning June 5, 2002.
4. The options vest 25% per year beginning June 6, 2001.
5. The options vest 25% per year beginning September 16, 1999.

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.  
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

/s/ Edward J. Lawson

02/14/2003

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person  
Edward J. Lawson

Date

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