

NUVASIVE INC
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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 *
FARRELL PETER C

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NUVASIVE, INC., 7475 LUSK BLVD.

(Street)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NUVASIVE INC [NUVA]

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

05/21/2009

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)

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Amount | | |
| | | | | Code | V | | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Derivative Securities |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|------|---|---------------------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 33.7 | 05/21/2009 | | | A | | <u>6,000</u> (1) | | <u>(2)</u> | 05/21/2019 | Common Stock | 6,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FARRELL PETER C C/O NUVASIVE, INC. 7475 LUSK BLVD. SAN DIEGO, CA 92121 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Jason Hannon, 05/22/2009
Attorney-in-fact

 Signature of Reporting Person 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) This option was granted pursuant to the Issuer's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan which provides for an automatic annual grant of an option to purchase 6,000 shares of common stock to each non-employee director on the date of each annual stockholders meeting. The 2009 annual stockholders meeting occurred on May 21, 2009.

(2) This option vests and becomes exercisable in 12 equal installments on each monthly anniversary of the date of grant (May 21, 2009).

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