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CURIVI 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549									3235-0287		
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obligations may continue. <i>See</i> Instructior 1(b).	Section 17(a) of the I	Public U	tility Hol	ding Cor		nge Act of 1934, of 1935 or Secti 940				
(Print or Type Respo	onses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> TALBERT J MICHAEL			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
			TODCO [THE]				(Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 2 CRESTWOOD DR.			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/10/2005			X_ Director10% Owner Officer (give titleOther (specify below)below)					
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 					
HOUSTON, TX	77007						Person	More than One R	eporting		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned		
	ansaction Date 1th/Day/Year)	2A. Deema Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit nAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 Amount	(A) or of (D) 4 and 5) (A) or	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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Reminder: Report or	n a separate line	e for each cla	ass of sec	urities bene	ficially own	ned directly of	or indirectly.				
					Perso inforn requir	ns who rest nation cont ed to respo ys a curre	spond to the colle ained in this forn ond unless the fo ntly valid OMB co	n are not rm	SEC 1474 (9-02)		

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

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	8. Pric
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onof Derivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	Deriva
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Securi
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired			(Instr.

	Derivative Security				(A) or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, and 5)						
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Deferred Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	05/10/2005	А		2,858		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Class A Common Stock	2,858	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TALBERT J MICHAEL 2 CRESTWOOD DR. HOUSTON, TX 77007	Х			
Signatures				
J. Michael Talbert by Randall A Attorney-in-fact	05/12/2005			

**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) Grant of Fully vested Deferred Stock Units which are payable in an equal number of shares of common stock five years from the date of grant or separation from service from the board of directors

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number. ny and Dilantha Wijesuriya