

BURNS JOHN J JR
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 BURNS JOHN J JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ALLEGHANY CORP /DE [Y]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2007

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

ALLEGHANY CORPORATION, 7 TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH FLOOR

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

NEW YORK, NY 10036

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) | Amount (A) or (D) | Price | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|-------------------|---------------|--|--|---|
| Common Stock | 07/20/2007 | ^ | G | 50 | D | \$ (1) 77,698 | D | ^ | |
| Common Stock | 08/21/2007 | ^ | G | 50 | D | \$ (1) 77,648 | D | ^ | |
| Common Stock | 12/12/2007 | ^ | G | 150 | D | \$ (2) 77,498 | D | ^ | |
| Common Stock | 12/19/2007 | ^ | G | 340 | D | \$ (3) 77,158 | D | ^ | |

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|--------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------|---|----------------------------|
| Common Stock | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 786 | I | By wife |
| Common Stock | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 5,628 | I | By Superior Bulk Logistics |

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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. of D Se O E Is Fi (I |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|-------------------------|
| | | | | | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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ALLEGHANY CORPORATION
7 TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10036

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Signatures

John J. Burns, Jr. 02/06/2008

**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).
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- (2) Gifts to unrelated persons

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(3) Gifts to family members who do not share reporting person's household and unrelated persons.

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