

BURNS JOHN J JR  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BURNS JOHN J JR**  
  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
**ALLEGHANY CORPORATION, 7  
 TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH  
 FLOOR**

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/16/2011**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
 (Check all applicable)

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

(Street)  
  
**NEW YORK, NY 10036**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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)	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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	04/26/2011		G	430 D <u>(1)</u>	57,986 <u>(2)</u>	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2011		G	1,003 D <u>(3)</u>	56,983	D	
Common Stock	07/11/2011		S	1,100 D \$ 331.56	55,883	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2011		A	1,003 A <u>(3)</u>	2,292	I	Held by trust of which reporting

Common Stock		338	I	person's spouse is sole trustee By spouse
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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. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

BURNS JOHN J JR  
ALLEGHANY CORPORATION  
7 TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH FLOOR  
NEW YORK, NY 10036

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## Signatures

Christopher K. Dalrymple,  
Attorney-in-Fact

07/11/2011

\*\*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) Gifts of shares of Alleghany common stock to non-family member third parties.

(2) Includes shares of Common Stock paid by Alleghany Corporation as a stock dividend on April 29, 2011 to stockholders of record on April 1, 2011.

(3) Gift to trust of which reporting person's spouse is sole trustee.

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