

PIERSON TODD A  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
PIERSON TODD A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ONYX ACCEPTANCE CORP  
[ONYX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
27051 TOWNE CENTRE DRIVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/11/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP and COO

FOOTHILLS RANCH, CA 92610

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	01/11/2005		X <sup>(2)</sup>		1,761	A	\$ 11.75	76,779	D
Common Stock	01/11/2005		X <sup>(2)</sup>		20,000	A	\$ 2.7	96,779	D
Common Stock	01/11/2005		X <sup>(2)</sup>		13,239	A	\$ 11.75	110,018	D
Common Stock	01/11/2005		X <sup>(2)</sup>		10,000	A	\$ 3.76	120,018	D
Common Stock	01/11/2005		X <sup>(2)</sup>		15,000	A	\$ 5.81	135,018	D

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Common Stock	01/11/2005	X <sup>(2)</sup>	4,479	A	\$ 3.38	139,497	D	
Common Stock	01/11/2005	X	35,000	A	\$ 3.66	174,497	D	
Common Stock	01/11/2005	X <sup>(2)</sup>	521	A	\$ 3.38	175,018	D	
Common Stock	01/11/2005	D <sup>(1)</sup>	175,018	D	\$ 28	0	D	
Common Stock	01/11/2005	D <sup>(1)</sup>	3,700	D	\$ 28	0	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/11/2005	D <sup>(1)</sup>	3,925	D	\$ 28	0	I	By Managed Account (401(k) Plan)

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount	
Stock Options (right to purchase)	\$ 11.75	01/11/2005		X <sup>(2)</sup>		1,761	<sup>(2)</sup>	01/12/2014	Common Stock	1,761
Stock Options (right to purchase)	\$ 2.7	01/11/2005		X <sup>(2)</sup>		20,000	<sup>(2)</sup>	02/03/2013	Common Stock	20,000
Stock Options (right to purchase)	\$ 11.75	01/11/2005		X <sup>(2)</sup>		13,239	<sup>(2)</sup>	01/02/2014	Common Stock	13,239
	\$ 3.76	01/11/2005		X <sup>(2)</sup>		10,000	<sup>(2)</sup>	06/19/2012		10,000

