ALMGREN RAY Form 4

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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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **ALMGREN RAY**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORP /DE/ [NATI]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Month/Day/Year) 11/29/2006

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

below)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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burden hours per

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

Vice President

C/O NATIONAL **INSTRUMENTS, 11500 MOPAC BLDG B**

(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

AUSTIN, TX 78759

(City) (State)

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Securities Beneficially (A)

Price

Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

5. Amount of

7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Form: Direct Beneficial (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

(Instr. 4)

Common Stock

11/29/2006

M

6,328

Code V Amount (D)

49,963 9 6297

D

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.6297	11/29/2006		M	3,291	<u>(1)</u>	03/19/2007	Common Stock	3,291
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.6297	11/29/2006		M	3,037	<u>(2)</u>	03/19/2007	Common Stock	3,037

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
--	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
ALMGREN RAY C/O NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS 11500 MOPAC BLDG B AUSTIN, TX 78759			Vice President				
Signatures							
David G. Hugley as attorney-in-fact Almgren	for Ray		12/01/2006				

**Signature of Reporting Person 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) Options vest and become exercisable based on time and performance milestones set by the Issuer.
- (2) Options vest and become exercisable ratably over a 60-month period from the date of the grant.

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