

MERCURY GENERAL CORP  
 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**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 McCathron Richard

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 MERCURY GENERAL CORP  
 [MCY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 8240 N. MOPAC EXPRESSWAY,  
 #215  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/29/2007

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Vice President

AUSTIN, TX 78759

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	05/29/2007		M	A	\$ 3,000	D	
Common Stock					650	I	ESOP Plan <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	05/29/2007		S	D	\$ 56.183	D	
Common Stock	05/29/2007		M	A	\$ 51.43	D	
Common Stock	05/29/2007		S	D	\$ 56.183	D	

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
					V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		
Common Stock	\$ 51.43	10/29/2004		A		10,000		10/29/2005	10/29/2014	Common Stock	10,000
Common Stock	\$ 51.43	05/29/2007		S		4,000		10/29/2005	10/29/2014	Common Stock	4,000
Common Stock	\$ 51.365	04/30/2004		A		5,000		04/30/2005	04/30/2014	Common Stock	5,000
Common Stock	\$ 51.365	05/29/2007		S		3,000		04/30/2005	04/30/2014	Common Stock	3,000

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

McCathron Richard  
8240 N. MOPAC EXPRESSWAY, #215  
AUSTIN, TX 78759

Vice President

## Signatures

Judy Walters, Attorney-In-Fact for Richard  
McCathron

05/31/2007

\_\_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) Allocations and disposition since last report

(2) 190 shares held as joint tenant with wife

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