

Clearwater Paper Corp
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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 *
RIORDAN MICHAEL T

(Last) (First) (Middle)

601 WEST RIVERSIDE AVENUE, SUITE 1100

(Street)

SPOKANE, WA 99201

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Clearwater Paper Corp [CLW]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 05/08/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)	Amount		
				Code	V		
					Price		

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	\$ 31.71	05/08/2012	A	2,838.221					<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	2,838.22 <u>(3)</u>

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RIORDAN MICHAEL T 601 WEST RIVERSIDE AVENUE SUITE 1100 SPOKANE, WA 99201	X			

Signatures

/s/ Michael S. Gadd, 05/09/2012
Attorney-in-Fact

 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) Phantom stock units are credited to the reporting person's account on the transaction date in accordance with the provisions of the Clearwater Paper Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and will be converted to cash and paid on a 1-for-1 basis with the issuer's common stock.
 - (2) Phantom stock units will be converted to cash and paid upon the reporting person's termination from service with Clearwater Paper in accordance with the provisions of the Clearwater Paper Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors.
 - (3) Phantom stock unit beneficial ownership represents phantom stock allocated to the reporting person's Deferred Compensation Account since the reporting person's last report. These phantom stock allocations represent an annual award grant for service from May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013. These phantom stock units will vest May 1, 2013.
 - (4) The share amounts set forth in this filing reflect the 2-for-1 stock split effected by Clearwater Paper Corporation through a stock dividend paid on August 26, 2011.

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