MERRIMAN RONALD

Form 4

December 13, 2005

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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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

may continue. See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

MERRIMAN RONALD

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol PENTAIR INC [PNR]

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/12/2005

5500 WAYZATA BLVD., SUITE 800

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

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

(I)

(Instr. 4)

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Indirect

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5. Amount of

Securities

Beneficially

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

Issuer

below)

X_ Director

Officer (give title

GOLDEN

VALLEY, MN 55416-1261

(City)

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Zip)

Execution Date, if anv

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Code

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Owned Following Reported

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) 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 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

4 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code 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 Stock Units - Deferred Compensation	\$ 1 <u>(1)</u>	12/12/2005		A(2)		30.236		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	30.236

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MERRIMAN RONALD

5500 WAYZATA BLVD.

SUITE 800

GOLDEN VALLEY, MN 55416-1261

Signatures

Louis L. Ainsworth, 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 convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) Represents phantom stock units credited under a deferred compensation plan for non-employee directors over which the reporting person has no current dispositive or voting power.
- (4) Shares acquired under this Plan are purchased over a three-day trading period. The price shown is the average purchase price over the trading period.
- (3) Settlement of phantom stock units will be in Pentair common stock in accordance with reporting person's irrevocable election.

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