#### SONOCO PRODUCTS CO

Form 4

December 29, 2008

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**SECURITIES** Form 4 or Form 5 obligations

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

Fuller Rodger D

(Middle) (Last) (First)

ONE NORTH SECOND STREET

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [SON]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

12/23/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner Other (specify

X\_ Officer (give title below)

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6. Ownership

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

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

HARTSVILLE, SC 29550

Security

(Instr. 3)

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of

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

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

4. Securities

Code V Amount (D) Price

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Form: Direct (I) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(9-02)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4.

Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

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 (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) (Inst Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount Exercisable Date orNumber of Shares Phantom Common (2) Stock (1) 12/23/2008 Α 47.437 (2) 47.437 Stock Units

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Fuller Rodger D ONE NORTH SECOND STREET HARTSVILLE, SC 29550

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## **Signatures**

By: George S. Hartley - Power of Attorney For: Rodger D. Fuller

12/29/2008

\*\*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) Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Sonoco Products Company common stock.
- (2) The reported phantom stock units were acquired under Sonoco Products Company's excess benefit plan and will be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.

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