

MCALEER WILLIAM  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
MCALEER WILLIAM

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
9911 WILLOWS ROAD NE  
(Street)

REDMOND, WA 98052

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AVOCENT CORP [AVCT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/19/2006

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)
Common Stock	05/19/2006		M	A	\$ 0.1123 7,242 <sup>(5)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2006		S	D	\$ 23 6,742 <sup>(5)</sup>	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. 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 0.1123	05/19/2006		M	500	06/10/1996 <sup>(1)</sup> 06/10/2006	Common Stock 500
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 52.4375					09/18/2000 <sup>(2)</sup> 09/18/2010	Common Stock 20,000
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 22.36					05/25/2001 <sup>(2)</sup> 05/25/2011	Common Stock 9,000
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 27.25					03/07/2003 <sup>(2)</sup> 03/07/2013	Common Stock 15,000
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 40.98					02/05/2004 <sup>(2)(4)</sup> 02/05/2014	Common Stock 10,000
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 26.14					06/30/2005 <sup>(3)</sup> 06/30/2015	Common Stock 4,200

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCALEER WILLIAM 9911 WILLOWS ROAD NE REDMOND, WA 98052		X		

## Signatures

Edward H Blankenship as attorney-in-fact for William H McAleer

05/23/2006

\_\_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) Grant date, 25% exercisable on July 1, 1997 and in 36 equal installments thereafter.
- (2) Grant date, exercisable in 24 monthly installments beginning one month from date of grant.
- (3) Grant date, 100% vests on December 31, 2005.
- (4) The vesting of unvested options will accelerate and become 100% vested on December 25, 2005, if the reporting person is an employee on that date.
- (5) 6,742 of these shares are time-based restricted shares; the 6,742 shares vest over two years, 50% on January 1, 2007 and 50% on January 1, 2008.

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