

Homeowners Choice, Inc.
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Patel Paresh (Last) (First) (Middle) 145 NW CENTRAL PARK PLAZA, SUITE 115 (Street) PORT SAINT LUCIE, FL 34986 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 07/23/2008 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Homeowners Choice, Inc. [HCII] | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common stock | 280,000 | D (1) | ^ |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | Amount or Number of Shares | | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|--|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------|----------------------------|---|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) ⁽²⁾ | Â ⁽³⁾ | 09/05/2017 | Common stock | 60,000 | \$ 2.5 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) ⁽²⁾ | Â ⁽⁴⁾ | 05/31/2017 | Common stock | 160,000 | \$ 2.5 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) ⁽²⁾ | Â ⁽⁵⁾ | 05/31/2017 | Common stock | 30,000 | \$ 2.5 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Patel Paresh 145 NW CENTRAL PARK PLAZA SUITE 115 PORT SAINT LUCIE, FL 34986 | Â X | Â | Â | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Cathy J. Welch as Attorney-in-fact for Paresh Patel 07/23/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Shares are held jointly with spouse.
- (2) The options were granted pursuant to the Homeowners Choice, Inc. 2007 Stock Option and Incentive Plan.
- (3) These options vest and become immediately exercisable upon the fair market value of the Company's Common Stock reaching \$7.50 per share.
- (4) Commencing on June 1, 2007 and continuing on the first day of each calendar month thereafter through and including January 1, 2010, the amount of 5,000 options will vest and become exercisable on each such monthly vesting date.
- (5) Commencing on May 1, 2008 and continuing on the same day of each calendar year thereafter through and including May 1, 2010, the amount of 10,000 options will vest and become exercisable on each such annual vesting date.

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