

KEITHLEY INSTRUMENTS INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 Washington, D.C. 20549**

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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 \*  
 Chipchase Stephen Arthur

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 KEITHLEY INSTRUMENTS INC  
 [KEI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 28775 AURORA RD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/06/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Vice President, Operations

SOLON, OH 44139  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Shares	11/06/2008		M	2,300 A \$1	2,300	D	
Common Shares	11/06/2008		F	770 D \$3.62	1,530	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)

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Common Stock Option	\$ 45.125					08/02/2002 <sup>(2)</sup> 08/01/2010	Common Shares 4,000
Common Stock Option	\$ 18.41					07/25/2003 <sup>(3)</sup> 07/24/2011	Common Shares 5,000
Common Stock Option	\$ 13.76					07/24/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> 07/23/2012	Common Shares 6,500
Common Stock Option	\$ 16.12					08/10/2005 <sup>(4)</sup> 07/18/2013	Common Shares 12,000
Common Stock Option	\$ 18.75					02/15/2005 <sup>(3)</sup> 07/16/2014	Common Shares 20,000
Common Stock Option	\$ 15.05					10/04/2007 <sup>(2)</sup> 10/03/2015	Common Shares 6,000
Performance Award Unit	<u>(1)</u>	11/06/2008		M	2,300 <u>(1)</u>	09/30/2008 <sup>(5)</sup> <u>(5)</u>	Common Shares 2,300
Common Stock Option	\$ 14					01/30/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/30/2017	Common Shares 7,200
Performance Award Unit	\$ 0					09/30/2009 <sup>(5)</sup> <u>(5)</u>	Common Shares 5,300
Common Stock Option	\$ 9.12					11/09/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> 11/09/2017	Common Shares 7,000
Performance Award Unit	\$ 0					09/30/2010 <sup>(5)</sup> <u>(5)</u>	Common Shares 5,300

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Chipchase Stephen Arthur 28775 AURORA RD SOLON, OH 44139			Vice President, Operations	

## Signatures

Mark J. Plush,  
Attorney-in Fact

11/10/2008

\_\_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).

- Each Performance Award Unit represents a right to receive one common share. The number of Performance Award Units initially granted was a target amount, and the number of Performance Award Units that vested and converted to common shares was based upon: a) the Company's revenue growth as compared to a defined Peer Group; and b) the Company maintaining an acceptable level of profitability during the performance period which ended on September 30, 2008. Performance Award Units that did not vest were forfeited.
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  - (2) Date reported applies to 50% of total, one-half of the balance is then exercisable in each succeeding year
  - (3) Option became fully vested on February 15, 2005
  - (4) Option became fully vested on August 10, 2005

- Each Performance Award Unit represents the right to receive one common share. The number of units initially awarded, the target, is shown above. The actual number of units that will be awarded and converted to shares is based upon: a) the Company's revenue growth as compared to a defined Peer Group and, b) the Company maintaining an acceptable level of profitability during the performance period which ends on the date exercisable (the "vesting date"). Awarded units are automatically converted to shares under the Plan on or before the December 31st following the Vesting Date.
- (5) compared to a defined Peer Group and, b) the Company maintaining an acceptable level of profitability during the performance period which ends on the date exercisable (the "vesting date"). Awarded units are automatically converted to shares under the Plan on or before the December 31st following the Vesting Date.

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