

ASSURANT INC
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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 *
SILVESTER LESLEY

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE CHASE MANHATTAN
PLAZA, 41ST FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10005

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ASSURANT INC [AIZ]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/01/2009

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)

Executive Vice President

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)	(A) or (D)	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	Price		
Common Stock	01/01/2009		M		579.83	\$ 21.56	D	
Common Stock	01/01/2009		D		416.7	\$ 30	D	
Common Stock	01/01/2009		F		71.78	\$ 30	D	
Common Stock	01/01/2009		M		499.18	\$ 25.07	D	
Common Stock	01/01/2009		D		417.15	\$ 30	D	

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Common Stock	01/01/2009	F	36.09	D	\$ 30	135,617.924 (1)	D	
Common Stock						6,141.014 (2)	I	By 401 (k) Plan

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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 21.56	01/01/2009		M	579.83	02/04/2005 01/01/2009	Common Stock	579	
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 25.07	01/01/2009		M	499.18	02/04/2005 01/01/2009	Common Stock	499	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SILVESTER LESLEY ONE CHASE MANHATTAN PLAZA 41ST FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10005			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

Lisa Richter
Attorney-in-Fact
01/05/2009

**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) Includes a total of 137 shares, net of tax withholding (rounded to the nearest whole share) granted to Reporting Person pursuant to exercise of these SARs.

(2) Between June 15, 2004 and September 30, 2008, the reporting person acquired 6,141.014 shares of Assurant, Inc. common stock under the Assurant, Inc. 401 (k) Plan. The information in this report is based on plan information dated as of September 30, 2008.

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