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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement PIPER JAFFRAY COMPANIES [PJC] Winges Martin Bradley (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2009 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 800 NICOLLET MALL (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) MINNEAPOLIS. MNÂ 55402 Form filed by More than One Head, Fixed Income Services Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 4) Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 14,690 Common Stock 3,406 I By PJC Retirement Plan (1) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

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

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3. Title and Amount of 6. Nature of Indirect 1. Title of Derivative 2. Date Exercisable and Security **Expiration Date** Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 4) **Derivative Security** or Exercise Form of Ownership (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative (Instr. 5) Security: Derivative

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	02/12/2007(2)	02/12/2014	Common Stock	969	\$ 47.3	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	02/22/2008(3)	02/22/2015	Common Stock	573	\$ 39.62	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
r	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Winges Martin Bradley 800 NICOLLET MALL MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402	Â	Â	Head, Fixed Income Services	Â		

Signatures

/s/ James L. Chosy for Martin Bradley 01/05/2009 Winges **Signature of Reporting Person

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- 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).

Date

- (1) Based on a plan report dated December 30, 2008, the most recent plan report available.
- (2) The option vested in full on February 12, 2007
- (3) The option vested in full on February 22, 2008

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