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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * POLSKY LISA			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PIPER JAFFRAY COMPANIES [PJC]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 800 NICOLL	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/07/2009	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
MINNEAPO	(Street)	5402	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acc	nuired. Disposed of, or Beneficially Owner		

(- 3)	()	Table 1 - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of			
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onAcquired (A) or	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect			
(Instr. 3)	any		Code	Disposed of (D)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial			
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership			
					Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)			
				()	Reported					
				(A)	Transaction(s)					
			Code V	or Amount (D) Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)					
Common Stock	05/07/2009		A	1,000 A (1)	10,669	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	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc		7. Title		8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amour		Derivative	Deriv
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(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securit	ies	(Instr. 5)	Bene
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					4, and 5)						
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									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		or		
						Exercisable	•	Title	Number		
						Exercisable	Date		of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
POLSKY LISA							
800 NICOLLET MALL	X						
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402							

Signatures

/s/ James L. Chosy for Lisa K.
Polsky 05/08/2009

**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).

The reporting person elected to defer receipt of 1,000 shares of common stock, resulting in the accrual to her account of 1,000 shares of (1) phantom stock. The phantom stock will become payable, in common stock, on the last day of the year in which the reporting person's service as a director terminates.

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