Nicholson Randy G Form 4 January 09, 2009

FORM 4

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

SECURITIES

Washington, D.C. 20549
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

subject to
Section 16.
Form 4 or
Form 5
obligations

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if no longer

Form 5 obligations may continue.

See Instruction

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Nicholson Randy G Issuer Symbol AMEN PROPERTIES INC [AMEN] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 1202 ESTATES DRIVE SUITE D 12/31/2008 below)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

ABILENE, TX 79602

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) 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 Amount (D) Price Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common Stock $\frac{(1)}{2}$ 5,000 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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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Expiration Date Expiration Date Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		e	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Do Se (In
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Options (1)	<u>(2)</u>					<u>(3)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	18,856	
Options	\$ 4.5	12/31/2008		A	875	12/31/2008	12/31/2018	Common	875	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

Nicholson Randy G 1202 ESTATES DRIVE SUITE D X ABILENE, TX 79602

Signatures

Randy
Nicholson

**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) Previously reported.
- (2) Option prices range from \$1.98 to \$9.00.
- (3) Option exercisable dates range from 5/6/03 to 6/30/08.
- (4) Option expiration dates range from 5/6/13 to 6/30/18.

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