

SERVICEMASTER CO  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
PETERSON DALLEN W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SERVICEMASTER CO [SVM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
3250 LACEY ROAD, SUITE 600  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/28/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

DOWNERS  
GROVE, IL 60515-1700

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount or Price				
Common stock \$.01 par value	09/28/2005		M		\$ 10,125	A	17,378	D	
Common stock \$.01 par value	09/29/2005		S		\$ 10,125	D	7,253	D	
Common stock \$.01 par value							3,619 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Dir. Def. Fee Trust
Common stock \$.01 par value							2,037,073	I	Glendal, Inc.

par value

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 9.2593	09/28/2005		M	10,125	02/16/1997	02/15/2006	Common Stock	10,125
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 10.02					04/27/2002	04/26/2008	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 11.2222					02/13/1998	02/12/2007	Common Stock	11,250
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 13.972					04/15/2003	04/14/2009	Common Stock	15,000
2001 Dir. Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.96					05/21/2004	05/20/2013	Common Stock	7,500
2001 Dir. Stock Option	\$ 10.73					02/13/2005	02/12/2014	Common Stock	14,678

(Right to Buy)

2001

Dir.

Stock \$ 13.44

Option

(Right to Buy)

02/11/2006 02/10/2015 Common Stock 11,719

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PETERSON DALLEN W 3250 LACEY ROAD, SUITE 600 DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515-1700	X			

## Signatures

Sandra L. Groman by power of attorney 09/29/2005

\_\_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) Deferral of Directors fees into Directors Deferred Fee Trust during the period March through June 2005 for 59 shares.
- (2) The option is exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of the grant.

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