

Fairman Francis E IV
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Fairman Francis E IV

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 PIPER JAFFRAY COMPANIES [PJC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 800 NICOLLET MALL
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/21/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Head, Public Finance Services

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/21/2006		A	5,596 A \$ 0	11,643	D	
Common Stock					81 ⁽¹⁾	I	By PJC Retirement 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 47.85	02/21/2006		A	2,135	02/21/2009 ⁽²⁾ 02/21/2016	Common Stock 2,135

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Fairman Francis E IV 800 NICOLLET MALL MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402	Head, Public Finance Services

Signatures

/s/ James L. Chosy for Francis E.
Fairman IV

02/23/2006

**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) Based on a plan report dated February 3, 2006, the most recent plan report available.
- (2) The option vests 100% on February 21, 2009.

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