

Barnett Paul D
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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 *
 Barnett Paul D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 AVATAR HOLDINGS INC
 [AVTR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/02/2009

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

ULYSSES MANAGEMENT, LLC, ONE ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, 20TH FLOOR

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person
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NEW YORK, NY 10020

(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)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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 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)	8. Price or Value of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)
Stock Units	(1)	01/02/2009		A	180.4	(2) (2)	Common Stock	180.4 \$ 26.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Barnett Paul D ULYSSES MANAGEMENT, LLC ONE ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, 20TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10020	X			

Signatures

Juanita I. Kerrigan, Attorney-in-Fact for Paul D. Barnett
01/06/2009

**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).
- (1) The units convert to Common Stock of the Issuer on a 1-for-1 basis.
 The units, which represent a deferral of a portion of director's fees payable to the Reporting Person, are fully vested at all times and are
- (2) convertible into shares of Issuer's Common Stock at the earlier of a date specified by the Reporting Person or the date on which the Reporting Person no longer serves as a director of the Issuer.
- (3) Represents the closing price of the Issuer's Common Stock as of the date for payment of director's fees, which closing price represents the denominator for purposes of determining the number of Stock Units attributable to the Reporting Person's deferral account.

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