BEST ROBERT O Form 4

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BEST ROBERT O			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Unum Group [UNM]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
1 FONTAIN SQUARE			(Month/Day/Year) 08/14/2009	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP, COO, Unum US			
	(Street)		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			
CHATTANOOGA, TN 37402				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	omr Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (4 and 5 (A) or	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)
Common Stock	08/14/2009		Code V M	Amount 23,590	(D)	Price \$ 13.719	222,205 (1)	D	
Common Stock	08/14/2009		S	18,335	D	\$ 21.331 (2)	203,870 (3)	D	
Common Stock	08/18/2009		S	5,000	D	\$ 20.9917 (4)	198,870 (5)	D	
Common Stock							3,902	I	401(k)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Secu Acqu (A) o Disp (D)	urities uired or oosed of tr. 3, 4,	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)	\$ 13.719	08/14/2009		M		7,784	02/24/2001	02/25/2010	Common Stock	7,784
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.719	08/14/2009		M		7,785	02/25/2002	02/25/2010	Common Stock	7,785
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.719	08/14/2009		M		8,021	02/25/2003	02/25/2010	Common Stock	8,021

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
Fg	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
BEST ROBERT O			EVP,					
1 FONTAIN SQUARE			COO,					
CHATTANOOGA, TN 37402			Unum US					

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Parrott, Christopher, A., Attorney in fact 08/18/2009

**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) 73,245 restricted stock units (including dividend equivalent rights), 9,103 shares of restricted stock, 4,678 shares in the company ESPP, and 135,179 shares held outside any plan.
- Reflects weighted average price for multiple sale transactions ranging in price from \$21.32 per share to \$21.34 per share, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Unum Group, any security holder of Unum Group, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes (2) and (4) to this Form 4.
- (3) Includes 73,245 restricted stock units (including dividend equivalent rights), 9,103 shares of restricted stock, 4,678 shares in the company ESPP, and 116,844 shares held outside any plan.
- (4) Reflects weighted average price for multiple sale transactions ranging in price from \$20.9901 per share to \$20.992 per share, inclusive.
- (5) Includes 73,245 restricted stock units (including dividend equivalent rights), 9,103 shares of restricted stock, 4,678 shares in the company ESPP, and 111,844 shares held outside any plan.

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