

ALTRIA GROUP INC  
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**

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

NOTO LUCIO A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

120 PARK AVENUE

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10017

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ALTRIA GROUP INC [MO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

12/15/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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)
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	15,747 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock				Code V Amount (D) Price	15,935	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By Wife

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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
Phantom Stock Units	(3)	12/15/2004		A	141 (4)	(5)      (5)	Common Stock	141      \$ 60.13 (6)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NOTO LUCIO A 120 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10017		X		

## Signatures

G. Penn Holsenbeck for Lucio A. Noto      12/17/2004

\_\_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) Includes (i) 6,716 shares held by reporting person, (ii) 2,238 shares held jointly with spouse, (iii) 1,072 shares held in an IRA, and (iv) 5,721 deferred share equivalents held in the 2000 Stock Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors.
  - (2) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
  - (3) Phantom stock units convert to common stock on a 1-for-1 basis.
  - (4) These units were acquired on December 15, 2004 pursuant to the deferred fee program of the Altria 1992 Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors.
  - (5) These units are to be settled in cash upon the reporting person's termination as a member of the issuer's board of directors.
  - (6) The average of the high and low price of Altria Group, Inc. Common Stock on December 15, 2004.
- This is an increase of 141 share equivalents since October 29, 2004, the date deferred compensation was last reported to the SEC. The total includes share equivalents acquired under the deferred fee program of the Altria 1992 Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors.

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