

Verso Paper Corp.  
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 \*  
DUCEY MICHAEL E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

6775 LENOX CENTER COURT,  
SUITE 400

(Street)

MEMPHIS, TN 38115

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Verso Paper Corp. [VRS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/20/2008

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)

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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 Beneficial 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)**

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Derivative Securities
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0	05/20/2008	J <sup>(2)</sup>		23,179		05/20/2008	<sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	23,179	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DUCEY MICHAEL E  
6775 LENOX CENTER COURT, SUITE 400 X  
MEMPHIS, TN 38115

## Signatures

/s/ Peter H. Kesser,  
attorney-in-fact 05/22/2008

         \*\*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 reporting person owns units representing a limited partner interest in Verso Paper Management LP.  
On May 20, 2008, Verso Paper Corp. completed its initial public offering of common stock. On that date, and in connection with the closing of the offering, the limited partnership agreement of Verso Paper Management LP, which before the offering had been the sole stockholder of Verso Paper Corp., was amended to, among other things, provide that each unit in Verso Paper Management LP may be exchanged, subject to certain restrictions, for one share of common stock of Verso Paper Corp. owned by Verso Paper Management LP.
- (2)
- (3) The right to exchange units in Verso Paper Management LP for common stock of Verso Paper Corp. has no expiration date.

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