**EATON CORP** Form 4 October 27, 2004

### FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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 * BUENTE STEPHEN M			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol EATON CORP [ETN]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last) (First) (Middle)		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
EATON CORPO CENTER	ORATION,	, EATON	10/25/2004	X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Sr VP and Grp Exec Automotive		
(	Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
CLEVELAND, O	OH 44114			Form filed by More than One Reporting		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficia	ally 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)	Fransaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Instr. 8)  (A)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Shares	10/25/2004		M	36,710	A	\$ 30.74	68,937	D	
Common Shares	10/25/2004		S	3,100	D	\$ 61.78	65,837	D	
Common Shares	10/25/2004		S	100	D	\$ 61.76	65,737	D	
Common Shares	10/25/2004		S	1,000	D	\$ 61.75	64,737	D	
Common Shares	10/25/2004		S	1,900	D	\$ 61.77	62,837	D	

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Common Shares	10/25/2004	S	2,800	D	\$ 61.8	60,037	D	
Common Shares	10/25/2004	S	2,700	D	\$ 61.88	57,337	D	
Common Shares	10/25/2004	S	1,000	D	\$ 61.85	56,337	D	
Common Shares	10/25/2004	S	1,500	D	\$ 61.84	54,837	D	
Common Shares	10/25/2004	S	400	D	\$ 61.86	54,437	D	
Common Shares	10/25/2004	S	300	D	\$ 61.83	54,137	D	
Common Shares	10/25/2004	S	2,300	D	\$ 61.89	51,837	D	
Common Shares	10/25/2004	S	1,200	D	\$ 61.91	50,637	D	
Common Shares	10/25/2004	S	18,400	D	\$ 61.9	32,237	D	
Common Shares	10/25/2004	S	10	D	\$ 61.93	32,227	D	
Common Shares	10/25/2004	M	8,350	A	\$ 30.74	40,577	D	
Common Shares	10/25/2004	M	1,215	A	\$ 30.91	41,792	D	
Common Shares	10/25/2004	F	609 (1)	D	\$ 61.63	41,183	D	
Common Shares	10/25/2004	F	4,164 (1)	D	\$ 61.63	37,019	D	
Common Shares	10/27/2004	G	485 (2)	D	\$ 0 (3)	36,534	D	
Common Shares	10/27/2004	G	485 (2)	A	\$ 0 (3)	485	I	by Charitable Trust
Common Shares	10/27/2004	S	485 (2)	D	\$ 63.34	0	I	by Charitable Trust
Common Shares						5,642.16	I	by trustee of ESP (4)

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)	5. Number of on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share		
Stock Option	\$ 30.74	10/25/2004		M	30	6,710	01/26/2000(5)	01/26/2009	Common Shares	36,710		
Stock Option	\$ 30.74	10/25/2004		M	8	3,350	01/26/2000(5)	01/26/2009	Common Shares	8,350		
Stock Option	\$ 30.91	10/25/2004		M	1	1,215	07/21/1997(6)	01/21/2007	Common Shares	1,215		

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships								
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other					
BUENTE STEPHEN M			Sa VD and Can						
EATON CORPORATION			Sr VP and Grp Exec						
EATON CENTER			Automotive						
CLEVELAND, OH 44114			Automotive						

### **Signatures**

/s/ Stephen M. Buente, by Claudia J. Taller attorney-in-fact 10/27/2004

\*\*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) These shares were delivered to the issuer to pay for the applicable option exercise price.
- (2) These shares were transferred to a charitable trust held by Mr. Buente and sold by the trust.
- (3) This field is not applicable.
- (4) Eaton Savings Plan
- (5) Thirty-three percent (33%) of these options become exercisable on the first and second anniversaries of the date granted and thir ty-four percent (34%) on the third anniversary of the date granted.

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(6) These options are exercisable in their entirety 6 months from the date of grant.

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