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Derivative Security			Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Code	V	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
			(A)	(D)							
Stock equivalent units	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾	12/31/2008			A		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common shares	477	\$ 53

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TILTON GLENN F			X	

Signatures

John A. Berry, by power of attorney for Glenn F. Tilton 01/05/2009

__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) Director fees credited to a stock equivalent unit account under a grantor trust established by the director and paid, in cash, generally at age 65 or upon retirement from the board. The stock equivalent units earn the same return as if the fees were invested in Abbott stock.
- (2) Balance includes stock equivalent units acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature.

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