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		STATES SECUR	RITIES AN	D EXCH	[ANG	E C	OMMISSION	OMB Number:	3235-0362
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no longer subject Expires: 2005 to Section 16. Form 4 or Form ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL Estimated average 5 obligations OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES burden hours per						rs per			
1. Name and A Georgino D	Symbol PICO H	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PICO HOLDINGS INC /NEW [[PICO]]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(Month/D	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2009				Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)			
875 PROSPECT STREET, SUITE 301 Exec VP & Chief Legal Officer									
		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)			
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(City)	(State) (Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-Deri	vative Sec	urities	s Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)2A. Deemed Execution Da any (Month/Day/Year)		Execution Date, if	Date, if Transaction Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)			Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Amount	or	Price	Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	100	I	By Trust
Common	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	1,000	Ι	IRA
Common	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	364.033	I	By 401-K Plan
Common (2)	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	80,000	D	Â

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and 4	Securities
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 44.69	Â	Â	Â	ÂÂ	(<u>3)</u>	09/04/2017	Common	172,93

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Georgino Damian C 875 PROSPECT STREET SUITE 301 LA JOLLA, CA 92037-4264	Â	Â	Exec VP & Chief Legal Officer	Â			

Signatures

Damian C. Georgino	01/21/2010			
**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 acquired for a minor child and are held in a trust established under the UGMA, of which the reporting person is trustee/custodian.
- (2) Restricted Stock Units were granted on March 3, 2009 and will vest in their entirety on March 3, 2012. Each restricted stock unit(2) represents a contingent right to receive one share of PICO common stock upon vesting of the unit if such reporting person remains employed by PICO through the vesting date.
- (3) One-third of these Stock Appreciation Rights was exercisable on September 4, 2008, another one-third was exercisable on September 4, 2009, and the remaining one-third will be exercisable on September 4, 2010.

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