

BURNS JOHN J JR
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BURNS JOHN J JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ALLEGHANY CORPORATION, 7 TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10036

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ALLEGHANY CORP /DE [Y]

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2009

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 Reporting

(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) | (A) or (D) | Price | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|------------|-------------------|--|--|---|
| Common Stock | 05/29/2009 | Â | G | 166 | D | \$ (1) 71,131 (2) | D | Â | |
| Common Stock | 06/25/2009 | Â | G | 100 | D | \$ (1) 71,031 | D | Â | |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2009 | Â | G | 810 | D | \$ (1) 70,221 | D | Â | |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2040 | Â | G | 400 | D | \$ (3) 69,821 | D | Â | |

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|--------------|------------|---|---|-----|---|------------|-----|--|-----------|
| Common Stock | 12/31/2009 | Â | G | 400 | D | \$ (4) 848 | I | Held by trust of which reporting person's spouse is sole trustee | |
| Common Stock | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 816 | I | By spouse |

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 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) | 9. of D Se B O E Is F (I |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--------------------------|
| | | | | | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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NEW YORK, NY 10036

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Signatures

Christopher K. Dalrymple,
Attorney-in-Fact

01/27/2010

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Gift of shares of Alleghany common stock to non-family member third parties for no consideration.
- (2) Includes 202 shares of common stock that were erroneously reported as having been gifted in a Form 5 filed on February 8, 2006.
- (3) Gift to family members who do not share reporting person's household
- (4) Gift of shares for no consideration

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