

PALMER KAY J  
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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 \*  
PALMER KAY J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
HUNT J B TRANSPORT SERVICES INC [JBHT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
615 J.B. HUNT CORPORATE DRIVE  
(Street)  
LOWELL, AR 72745  
(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/24/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
EVP, Chief Information Officer

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code V  | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |
| Common Stock                    | 10/23/2012                           |  | G                              | V   | 148   | D  | \$ 57.77  |
| Common Stock (k)                |                                      |  |                                |   | 12,998  | D  |   |

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) |                 |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|-----|---|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable  | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock                           | \$ 0   | 10/24/2012                           |  | A <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 12,500   |     | 07/15/2013  | 08/15/2016      | Common Stock | 12,500                     |
| Restricted Stock                           | \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 07/15/2011  | 08/15/2015      | Common Stock | 15,006                     |
| Restricted Stock                           | <sup>(3)</sup>   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 07/15/2012  | 08/15/2015      | Common Stock | 11,200                     |
| Restricted Stock                           | \$ 0   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 07/15/2012  | 08/15/2016      | Common Stock | 12,000                     |
| Restricted Stock                           | \$ 0 <sup>(4)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 07/15/2015  | 08/15/2015      | Common Stock | 17,000                     |
| Restricted Stock                           | \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 07/15/2009  | 08/15/2013      | Common Stock | 3,400                      |
| Restricted Stock                           | \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 07/15/2010  | 08/15/2014      | Common Stock | 5,440                      |
| Right to Buy Stock Option                  | \$ 12.2  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 06/01/2009  | 10/23/2014      | Common Stock | 8,000                      |
| Right to Buy Stock Option                  | \$ 20.365  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 06/01/2012  | 10/21/2015      | Common Stock | 26,666                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships |           |         |                                |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|--------------------------------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other                          |
| PALMER KAY J<br>615 J.B. HUNT CORPORATE DRIVE<br>LOWELL, AR 72745 |               |           |         | EVP, Chief Information Officer |

## Signatures

/s/ Debbie Willbanks, Attorney-in-Fact for Kay  
Palmer

10/26/2012

\_\_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 Restricted Stock Award, approved by the Company's Compensation Committee and Board of Directors vests over a four-year period. There is no purchase price required by the recipient in connection with this award. Termination of the recipient's employment with the Company for any reason other than death or disability shall result in forfeiture of the award on the date of termination.
  - (2) The Restricted Stock Award, approved by the Company's Compensation Committee, vests over a five-year period. There is no purchase price required by the recipient in connection with this award. Termination of the recipient's employment with the Company for any reason other than death or disability shall result in forfeiture of the award on the date of termination.
  - (3) The Restricted Stock Award, approved by the Company's Compensation Committee, vests over a four-year period. There is no purchase price required by the recipient in connection with the award. Termination of recipient's employment with the Company for any reason other than death or disability shall result in forfeiture of the awards on the date of termination.
  - (4) The Restricted Stock award, approved by the Company's Compensation Committee, vests over an eight-year period. There is no purchase price required by the recipient in connection with this award. Termination of the recipient's employment for any reason other than death or disability shall result in forfeiture of the award on the date of termination.

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