3COM CORP Form 4 September 30, 2005

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Washington, D.C. 20549

if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5

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SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

may continue. See Instruction

obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ST JOHN JULIE

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

350 CAMPUS DRIVE 09/28/2005

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

MARLBOROUGH, MA 01752-3064

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned Ownership (Instr. 4)

(Instr. 4)

Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

or

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amour 4 Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securit** Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3) Price of (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)

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Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V Title (A) (D) Date Expiration Amo Exercisable Date or Num of Sh Non-Qualified Common **Stock Option** \$ 4.04 09/28/2005 A 39,750 (1) 09/28/2012 39, Stock (right to buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ST JOHN JULIE
350 CAMPUS DRIVE X
MARLBOROUGH, MA 01752-3064

Signatures

Julie St. John 09/29/2005

**Signature of 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) Shares granted become exercisable in equal installments over two years on the anniversary of the grant date.

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