

STERN PAUL G  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
STERN PAUL G

(Last) (First) (Middle)

13331 SIGNAL TREE LANE

(Street)

POTOMAC, MD 20854

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

WHIRLPOOL CORP /DE/ [WHR]

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

12/15/2005

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 Filing (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) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  | 8,227   | 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)**

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| 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 |
| Stock Options   | (1)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (1)  | (1)   | Common | 600                        |
| Stock Options   | (2)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (2)  | (2)   | Common | 600                        |
| Stock Options   | (3)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (3)  | (3)   | Common | 600                        |
| Stock Options   | (4)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (4)  | (4)   | Common | 600                        |
| Stock Options   | (5)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (5)  | (5)   | Common | 600                        |
| Phantom Stock under Non-Employee Dir. Stock Owner. Plan | (6)  | 12/15/2005                           |  | A                              | (6)   | (6)  | (6)   | Common | (6)                        |
| Stock Options   | (7)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (7)  | (7)   | Common | 600                        |
| Stock Options   | (8)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (8)  | (8)   | Common | 600                        |
| Stock Options   | (9)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (9)  | (9)   | Common | 600                        |
| Stock Options   | (10)   |                                      |  |                                |   | (10)   | (10)  | Common | 1,589                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| STERN PAUL G<br>13331 SIGNAL TREE LANE<br>POTOMAC, MD 20854 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Robert T. Kenagy 12/16/2005

\*\*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) Stock option awarded on 4/20/93 at the option price of \$44.50 per share. All shares are currently exercisable and will expire either 20 years from the award date or the fifth anniversary of the date the Director ceases being a Director.
- (2) Stock option awarded on 4/19/94 at the option price of \$48.94 per share. All shares are currently exercisable and will expire either 20 years from the award date or the fifth anniversary of the date the Director ceases being a Director.
- (3) Stock option awarded on 4/16/96 at the option price of \$50.27 per share. All shares are currently exercisable and will expire either 20 years from the award date or the fifth anniversary of the date the Director ceases being a Director.
- (4) Stock option awarded on 4/28/98 at the option price of \$50.92 per share. All shares are currently exercisable and will expire either 20 years from the award date or the fifth anniversary of the date the Director ceases being a Director.
- (5) Stock option awarded on 4/20/99 at the option price of \$61.75 per share. All shares are currently exercisable and will expire either 20 years from the award date or the fifth anniversary of the date the Director ceases being a Director.
- (6) Grant of 32.38 phantom shares of common stock ("dividend equivalents") based on original grant of 3,157 phantom shares deferred under the Nonemployee Director Stock Ownership Plan. This grant of deferred compensation is payable upon retirement from the Board of Directors. As of 12/15/05, 6,368.23 total phantom shares deferred, which includes dividend equivalents earned in phantom restricted stock.
- (7) Stock option awarded on 4/18/00 at the option price of \$46.21 per share. All shares are currently exercisable and will expire either 20 years from the award date or the fifth anniversary of the date the Director ceases being a Director.
- (8) Stock option awarded on 4/15/03 at the option price of \$64.69 per share. All shares are currently exercisable and will expire either 20 years from the award date or the fifth anniversary of the date the Director ceases being a Director.
- (9) Stock options awarded on 4/20/04 at the option price of \$50.98 per share. All shares are currently exercisable and will expire either 20 years from the award date or the fifth anniversary of the date the Director ceases being a Director.
- (10) Stock option awarded on 04/19/05 at the option price of \$64.73 per share under the Nonemployee Director Equity Plan. All shares are currently exercisable and will expire either 20 years from the award date or the second anniversary of the date the Director ceases being a Director.

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