

Gifford William F. Jr.
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FORM 4

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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 *
Gifford William F. Jr.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ALTRIA GROUP, INC. [MO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
6601 WEST BROAD STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/27/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
VP and Treasurer

RICHMOND, VA 23230
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/27/2009		A	16,330 (1)	A \$ 0 31,932 (2)	D	
Common Stock					1,747	I (3)	DPS

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. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				Date Exercisable Expiration Date Title Amount or Number of Shares
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Gifford William F. Jr. 6601 WEST BROAD STREET RICHMOND, VA 23230			VP and Treasurer		

Signatures

Sean X. McKessy for William F. Gifford, Jr. 01/29/2009

**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) Restricted Stock awarded in accordance with the terms of the Company's equity compensation plans.
- (2) Includes 18,020 shares of Restricted Stock and 9,111 shares of Deferred Stock.
- (3) Shares held in the Altria Deferred Profit Sharing Plan as of January 27, 2009.

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