

MONEYGRAM INTERNATIONAL INC
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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 *
 Putney William J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 MONEYGRAM INTERNATIONAL INC [MGI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1550 UTICA AVENUE
 SOUTH, SUITE 100
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/10/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, Chief Investment Officer

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55416

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/10/2006		M	1,500 A \$ 13.9671	43,738	D	
Common Stock	05/10/2006		F	584 ⁽¹⁾ D \$ 35.87	43,154	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Options (right to buy)	\$ 13.9671	05/10/2006		M	1,500	08/21/1999 08/20/2007	Common Stock	1,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Putney William J 1550 UTICA AVENUE SOUTH SUITE 100 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55416			EVP, Chief Investment Officer	

Signatures

Claudia Saavedra on behalf of William J. Putney
 Date: 05/12/2006

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) Previously owned shares were surrendered in connection with the exercise.

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