

HUTCHINS KENT J
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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 *
 HUTCHINS KENT J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY CO
 [UFCS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 VP/COO - United Life Ins. Co.

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 118 SECOND AVENUE SE, P.O.
 BOX 73909
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/19/2010

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909
 (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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction of	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. F
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Sec (In			
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.89	02/19/2010	A		1,875		<u>(1)</u>	02/19/2020	Common Stock	1,875

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HUTCHINS KENT J 118 SECOND AVENUE SE P.O. BOX 73909 CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909			VP/COO - United Life Ins. Co.	

Signatures

/s/ Kent J.
Hutchins

02/22/2010

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) 1,875 options become exercisable in five equal installments of 375 option shares each on 05/19/2011, 05/19/2012, 05/19/2013, 05/19/2014 and 05/19/2015.

(2) The total number of derivative securities held includes: 2,650 stock options currently exercisable; 100 stock options vesting in two equal installments of 50 options shares each on 09/01/2010 and 09/01/2011; 1,000 stock options vesting in two equal installments of 500 option shares each on 02/15/2011, 02/15/2012, and 02/15/2013; 2,500 stock options vesting in five equal installments of 500 option shares each on 05/20/2010, 05/20/2011, 05/20/2012, 05/20/2013, and 05/20/2014; and 1,875 options vesting in five equal installments of 375 option shares each on 02/20/2011, 02/20/2012, 02/20/2013, 02/20/2014, and 02/20/2015.

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