#### SONOCO PRODUCTS CO

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Fuller Rodger D

(First)

ONE NORTH SECOND STREET

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [SON]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Instr. 8)

Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify

09/10/2008

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(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

HARTSVILLE, SC 29550

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

(Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Reported Transaction(s)

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

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(Instr.	3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					(
					Code	V	(A) (I	D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
on Resti	dend valents ricted k Units	(1)	09/10/2008		A		84.3	<u>(2)</u>	(2)	Common Stock	84.3	
Phan Stock	tom k Units	(1)	09/10/2008		A		57.6	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	57.6	
Phan Stock	tom k Units	(1)	09/10/2008		A		22.905	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	22.905	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Fuller Rodger D ONE NORTH SECOND STREET HARTSVILLE, SC 29550

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Other

# **Signatures**

By: George S. Hartley - Power of Attorney For: Rodger D.

Fuller 09/11/2008

\*\*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) Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Sonoco Products Company common stock.
- (2) Acquired on quarterly dividend. The rights become exercisable proportionately with the options to which they relate.
- (3) Acquired on quarterly dividend on Sonoco Products Company's deferred long term incentive plan and are to be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.
- (4) Acquired on quarterly dividend on Sonoco Products Company's excess benefit plan and will be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.

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