

PICO HOLDINGS INC /NEW
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HART JOHN R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**PICO HOLDINGS INC /NEW
 [[PICO]]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President and CEO

875 PROSPECT STREET, SUITE 301

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

LA JOLLA, CA 92037-4264

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common | Â | Â | Â | Â | 24,793.538 | I | BY 401-K PLAN |
| Common | Â | Â | Â | Â | 22 | D ⁽¹⁾ | Â |

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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------|----------------------|
| | | | | | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount Number Shares |
| Stock Appreciation Rights | \$ 33.76 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â | 12/12/2005 | 12/12/2015 | Common | 838,3 |
| Stock Appreciation Rights | \$ 42.71 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â | 08/02/2009 | 08/02/2017 | Common | 419,1 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HART JOHN R 875 PROSPECT STREET SUITE 301 LA JOLLA, CA 92037-4264 | Â X | Â | Â President and CEO | Â |

Signatures

John R. Hart by James F. Mosier per Power of Attorney dated January 28, 2008. 01/21/2010

__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) Represents 22 shares received as a liquidating distribution from PICO Equity Investors Management, LLC, a limited liability company that owned shares of PICO common stock. In prior reports the reporting person reported beneficial ownership of 833,333 shares of common stock held by such limited liability company.

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