#### ZUEHLKE GERALD L

Form 4

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading ZUEHLKE GERALD L Issuer Symbol POTLATCH CORP [PCH] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner \_X\_\_ Officer (give title \_ Other (specify 601 W. RIVERSIDE AVENUE, 11/15/2004 below) **SUITE 1100** Vice President and CFO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

### SPOKANE, WA 99201

(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) our Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	, ,		
Common Stock	11/15/2004		M	1,890	A	\$ 39.2939	1,890	D		
Common Stock	11/15/2004		S	1,890	D	\$ 48.757	0	D		
Common Stock	11/15/2004		M	2,100	A	\$ 42.2707	2,100	D		
Common Stock	11/15/2004		S	2,100	D	\$ 48.757	0	D		
Common Stock	11/15/2004		M	2,100	A	\$ 45.9619	2,100	D		

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Common Stock	11/15/2004	S	2,100	D	\$ 48.757 0	D
Common Stock	11/15/2004	M	7,139	A	\$ 27.32 7,139	D
Common Stock	11/15/2004	S	7,139	D	\$ 48.757 0	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number coof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 39.2939	11/15/2004		M	1,890 (1)	12/07/1997	12/07/2005	Common Stock	1,890
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 42.2707	11/15/2004		M	2,100 (3)	12/05/1998	12/05/2006	Common Stock	2,100
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 45.9619	11/15/2004		M	2,100 (4)	12/04/1999	12/04/2007	Common Stock	2,100
Employee Stock Option (right to	\$ 27.32	11/15/2004		M	7,139 (5)	12/06/2003	12/06/2011	Common Stock	7,139

buy)

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ZUEHLKE GERALD L 601 W. RIVERSIDE AVENUE, SUITE 1100 SPOKANE, WA 99201

Vice President and CFO

# **Signatures**

Malcolm A. Ryerse, Attorney-in-fact

11/17/2004

\*\*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) The reporting person was granted employee stock options on December 7, 1995, to vest in two equal annual installments. The grant was made under the stockholder-approved Potlatch Corporation 1989 Stock Incentive Plan. All these options have vested.
- (2) The employee stock option, after exercise, was sold at \$48.757 per share.
- (3) The reporting person was granted employee stock options on December 5, 1996, to vest in two equal annual installments. The grant was made under the stockholder-approved Potlatch Corporation 1995 Stock Incentive Plan. All these options have vested.
- (4) The reporting person was granted employee stock options on December 4, 1997, to vest in two equal annual installments. The grant was made under the stockholder-approved Potlatch Corporation 1995 Stock Incentive Plan. All these options have vested.
- (5) The reporting person was granted employee stock options on December 6, 2001, to vest in two equal annual installments. The grant was made under the stockholder-approved Potlatch Corporation 2000 Stock Incentive Plan. All these options have vested.

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