#### AMERUS GROUP CO/IA

Form 4

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# FORM 4

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BROOKS ROGER K |                           |                                      |  | l                              | d Ticker or Trading  UP CO/IA [AMH]                                 | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)     |  |   |  |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|---|--|
|  | (Last)                    | (First) (I                           | Middle) 3. Date  | of Earliest T                  | ransaction  | (Check an applicable)  |  |   |  |
| 699 WALNUT STREET  |                           |                                      | (Month   | (Month/Day/Year)<br>07/01/2005 |   |  | give title<br>below)<br>Chairman and C   |   |  |
|  |                           | (Street)                             | 4. If A  | 4. If Amendment, Date Original |   |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  |   |  |
| D  | ES MOIN                   | ES, IA 50309                         | Filed(N  | Filed(Month/Day/Year)          |   |  | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |  |
|  | (City)                    | (State)                              | (Zip) Ta   | ble I - Non-l                  | Derivative Securities Ac  | quired, Disposed   | d of, or Benefi  | cially Owned  |  |
| Se   | Title of ecurity nstr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year | Code                           | 4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)  | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |

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|                                      |   |   | Code                            | V | Amount   | (A)<br>or<br>(D) | Reported (Instr. 3 and 4)  |   | (I)<br>(Instr. 4)                                     |                   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 07/01/2005                              | 07/01/2005  | G                               | V | 10,336   | D                | \$0  | 156,079.69                                | D   |                   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 08/30/2005                              | 08/30/2005  | S                               |   | 40,000   | D                | <u>(1)</u>   | 116,079.69                                | D   |                   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 09/01/2005                              | 09/01/2005  | S                               |   | 10,000   | D                | <u>(2)</u>   | 106,079.69                                | D   |                   |
| Common<br>Stock                      |   |   |                                 |   |  |                  |  | 7,040.557                                 | I   | By 401(k)<br>Plan |
| Common<br>Stock                      |   |   |                                 |   |  |                  |  | 9,000                                     | I   | By Spouse         |

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RKB Common 15,000 Ι Partnership, Stock L.P. (3)

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 | 2.          | 3. Transaction Date |                    | 4.          | 5.         | 6. Date Exerc |            | 7. Title and  |            | 9. Nu   |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------|
| Derivative  | Conversion  | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if | Transaction | onNumber   | Expiration D  | ate        | Amount of     | Derivative | Deriv   |
| Security    | or Exercise |                     | any                | Code        | of         | (Month/Day/   | Year)      | Underlying    | Security   | Secui   |
| (Instr. 3)  | Price of    |                     | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8)  | Derivative | e             |            | Securities    | (Instr. 5) | Bene    |
| ŕ           | Derivative  |                     |                    | ,           | Securities |               |            | (Instr. 3 and | d 4)       | Owne    |
|             | Security    |                     |                    |             | Acquired   |               |            | •             | ,          | Follo   |
|             |             |                     |                    |             | (A) or     |               |            |               |            | Repo    |
|             |             |                     |                    |             | Disposed   |               |            |               |            | Trans   |
|             |             |                     |                    |             | of (D)     |               |            |               |            | (Instr  |
|             |             |                     |                    |             | (Instr. 3, |               |            |               |            | (IIIStI |
|             |             |                     |                    |             | 4, and 5)  |               |            |               |            |         |
|             |             |                     |                    |             | 7, and 3)  |               |            |               |            |         |
|             |             |                     |                    |             |            |               |            | Amo           | ount       |         |
|             |             |                     |                    |             |            | <b>5</b> .    | <b>.</b>   | or            |            |         |
|             |             |                     |                    |             |            | Date          | Expiration | Title Num     | nber       |         |
|             |             |                     |                    |             |            | Exercisable   | Date       | of            |            |         |
|             |             |                     |                    | Code V      | (A) (D)    |               |            | Shar          | es         |         |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                       | Relationships |           |                  |       |  |  |  |  |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| ·F···  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer          | Other |  |  |  |  |
| BROOKS ROGER K 699 WALNUT STREET DES MOINES 1A 50309 | X             |           | Chairman and CEO |       |  |  |  |  |

# **Signatures**

/s/ Jeananne M. Celander, attorney-in-fact for Mr. 09/01/2005 **Brooks** 

> \*\*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).
- 10800 @ \$54.25; 1700 @ \$54.26; 1800 @ \$54.27; 2900 @ \$54.28; 5900 @ \$54.29; 1900 @ \$54.30; 1700 @ \$54.31; 600 @ \$54.32; 500(1) @ \$54.33; 3000 @ \$54.34; 2700 @ \$54.35; 4000 @ \$54.38; 2500 @ \$54.39
- 500 @ \$55.71; 600 @ \$55.73; 300 @ \$55.74; 1500 @ \$55.75; 700 @ \$55.76; 2800 @ \$55.77; 200 @ \$55.78; 1900 @ \$55.79; 900 @ \$55.80; 600 @ \$55.81

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(3) The reportee is a General Partner of RKB Partnership, L.P. and disclaims beneficial ownership.

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