

SHARPE RICHARD H  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
SHARPE RICHARD H

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)  
  
\_\_\_\_ Director      \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)      \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chief Operating Officer

(Last)      (First)      (Middle)  
875 PROSPECT STREET, SUITE 301  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/21/2005

LA JOLLA, CA 92037-4264

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
COMMON	09/21/2005		M		60,119	A	\$ 13.45	8,504 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
COMMON	09/21/2005		D		60,119	D	\$ 33.23	8,504 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
COMMON	09/21/2005		M		75,149	A	\$ 15	8,504 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
COMMON	09/21/2005		D		75,149	D	\$ 33.23	8,504 <sup>(1)</sup>	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. 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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4)
STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHTS	\$ 13.45	09/21/2005		M	60,119	07/17/2003 08/08/1988 <sup>(2)</sup>	COMM
STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHTS	\$ 15	09/21/2005		M	75,149	07/17/2003 08/08/1988 <sup>(2)</sup>	COMM

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SHARPE RICHARD H 875 PROSPECT STREET SUITE 301 LA JOLLA, CA 92037-4264			Chief Operating Officer	

## Signatures

Richard H. Sharpe by James F. Mosier per Power of Attorney dated July 2, 2003. 09/23/2005

\_\_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) (1) Of these shares 3,586 are in a 401k Plan.

(2) (2) There is no expiration date.

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