

AVOCENT CORP
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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 *
WEEKS DOYLE C

(Last) (First) (Middle)
4991 CORPORATE DRIVE
(Street)

HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AVOCENT CORP [AVCT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
07/14/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President, COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 07/14/2008 ⁽⁵⁾ | | A | 14,000 A \$ 0 | 90,848 ⁽⁴⁾ | 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)

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| 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Options (right to buy) | \$ 26.94 | | | | | 05/02/2000 ⁽¹⁾ 05/02/2010 | Common Stock |
| Options (rights to buy) | \$ 52.4375 | | | | | 09/18/2000 ⁽²⁾ 09/18/2010 | Common Stock |
| Options (rights to buy) | \$ 27.25 | | | | | 03/07/2003 ⁽³⁾ 03/07/2013 | Common Stock |
| Options (rights to buy) | \$ 40.98 | | | | | 02/05/2004 ⁽³⁾ 02/05/2014 | Common Stock |
| Performance-share Award with Market Conditions | \$ 0 ⁽⁶⁾ | 02/19/2008 | | A | 41,467 | 02/19/2008 ⁽⁶⁾ 02/19/2018 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WEEKS DOYLE C 4991 CORPORATE DRIVE HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805 | X | | President, COO | |

Signatures

Richard K Hempstead Attorney-in-Fact for Doyle C. Weeks 07/16/2008

**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) Grant date, 50% vest and become exercisable on the first anniversary of the grant date and 25% on each grant date anniversary thereafter.
- (2) Grant date, 15% vests every six months for the first 12 months, 6.25% vests quarterly for the following 24 months and 5% vests quarterly for the remaining 12 months.
- (3) Grant date, 25% vests after 6 months and in 10 equal quarterly installments thereafter. Vesting of unvested options accelerated and became 100% vested on December 25, 2005.
- (4) Includes time-based and performance-based (now deemed earned) restricted shares awarded on April 25, 2006, April 27, 2007, and February 19, 2008. 26,183 shares vest on January 1, 2009, 14,957 shares vest on January 1, 2010, and 8,506 shares vest on January 1, 2011.

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- (5) Grant date. These shares vest on the earlier of the first anniversary of the grant date or the closing price of Avocent's common stock being at or above a specified level for each trading day during any consecutive 30 calendar day period.
- (6) Grant date; These are performance-shares awards with market conditions tied to company stock price to be earned over a two year period. If earned, the shares will vest over a three year period beginning Janaury 1, 2008.

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