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Security

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **FARBER ERICA**

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Middle)

ARBITRON INC [ARB]

(Check all applicable)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 09/30/2005

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

142 WEST 57TH STREET

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

NEW YORK, NY 10019

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(9-02)

Reported (A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Following

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Price 4. Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transactionof **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Derivativ Security or Exercise Code Derivative (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Security (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Securities (Instr. 5)

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Derivative Acquired Security (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

> Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount Date Exercisable

Number of

Shares

Deferred

Common (2) Stock 441 (1) 09/30/2005 441 \$ 39.8 Stock Units

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FARBER ERICA 142 WEST 57TH STREET X NEW YORK, NY 10019

Signatures

/s/ Dolores L. Cody, Attorney in Fact for Erica 10/04/2005 Farber

> **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) These Deferred Stock Units convert on a one for one basis.
- (2) These Deferred Stock Units are payable following retirement of the Reporting Person from the Board of Directors.
- (3) Includes 11.8811 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment.

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