Lyons Dianne M Form 4 November 04, 2010

## 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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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY CO

Symbol

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

Lyons Dianne M

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

		[UFCS	[UFCS]				(Check all applicable)				
(Last)  118 SECON BOX 73909	ECOND AVENUE SE, P.O. 1		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/01/2010				Director _X Officer (girlbelow) VP/Ch	O% Owner ther (specify			
			Amendment, Date Original (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				
(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)	Code	4. Securion(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose	d of (D)	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)		
Common Stock	11/01/2010	11/04/2010(1)	P(2)	10 (3)	A	19.89 (4)	2,673 <u>(5)</u>	D			
Common Stock							1,175	I	By issuer's Employee Stock Ownership Plan for self		

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transactio	5. Mumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration Da		7. Titl		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Monus Day/Teat)	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code of (Instr. 8) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				Under Securi	lying	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Lyons Dianne M 118 SECOND AVENUE SE P.O. BOX 73909 CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909

VP/Chief Financial Officer

# **Signatures**

/s/ Dianne M. Lyons by Barrie W. Ernst, Attorney-in-Fact

11/05/2010

\*\*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 deemed execution date of this transaction is based on a report of the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan administor and transfer agent.
- (2) Shares acquired through payroll deduction and participation in Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) Represents the approximate number of shares acquired by the administrator of the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan for the reporting person, based on a statement of the administrator.
- (4) The price per share is based on a statement provided by the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan administrator.
- (5) The total number of securities beneficially held directly by the reporting person following the reported transaction includes: 2,151 shares of restricted stock issued under the Company's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 05/21/2013; and 522 shares

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held of record by Ms. Lyons directly.

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