#### **VANHORN JAMES**

Form 4

March 02, 2010

# FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * VANHORN JAMES			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol NELNET INC [NNI]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 121 SOUTH 201	(First) (M	ŕ	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/15/2010			X Director 10% Owner Other (specify below)				
(Street) LINCOLN, NE 68508			4. If Amendment, Date Original 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			
(City)	(State) (Z	Zip)	Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	ecuri	ties Ac	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution		3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit nAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) o 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)
Class A										
Common Stock	02/15/2010			M	7,835	A	<u>(1)</u>	49,487	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof 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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	(1)	02/15/2010		M	7,835	02/15/2010(2)	(2)	Class A Common Stock	7,835

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
VANHORN JAMES 121 SOUTH 13TH STREET SUITE 201 LINCOLN, NE 68508	X					

## **Signatures**

/s/ Angie R. Miller, Attorney-in-Fact for James
VanHorn

03/02/2010

\*\*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) Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of the issuer's Class A Common Stock.
  - The shares of phantom stock were granted pursuant to the issuer's Directors Stock Compensation Plan. Upon the reporting person's resignation from the issuer's Board of Directors, which became effective on February 15, 2010, the shares of phantom stock became
- (2) payable in shares of Class A Common Stock. The reporting person received an initial installment of 7,835 shares of Class A Common Stock at the time he ceased to be a member of the issuer's Board of Directors and will receive the remaining 11,177 shares in up to four additional annual installments.
- (3) Includes 76 shares acquired by the reporting person on December 15, 2009, pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the issuer's Directors Stock Compensation Plan.

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