RANKIN THOMPSON L
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
RANKIN THOMPSON L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

333 EAST FRANKLIN ST

(Street)

RICHMOND, VA 23219

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
MEDIA GENERAL INC [MEG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

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	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)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Pr Deri Secu (Inst

	Derivative Security			or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)							
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock (1)	$ 0 (5)	12/31/2008		A		19,955		(2)	(2)	Class A Common Stock	19,955
Phantom Stock (4)	$ 0 (5)	12/31/2008		A		1,842		(2)	(2)	Class A Common Stock	1,842

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RANKIN THOMPSON L 333 EAST FRANKLIN ST RICHMOND, VA 23219	X			

Signatures

/s/ Thompson L. Rankin, by George L. Mahoney, Attorney-in-fact	01/02/2009
**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) Reports quarterly allocations under the Company deferred compensation plan for outside directors fees.

(2) Upon termination of service as a director, the units become payable in accordance with the settlement election of the reporting person.

(3) Additionally, 1,200 non-derivative Class A common shares are held directly.

(4) Reports quarterly allocations under the Company deferred compensation plan for automatic reinvestment of quarterly dividends on the units.

(5) Each unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Class A common stock.

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