

HICKS WESTON M

Form 4

October 10, 2012

**FORM 4**
**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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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HICKS WESTON M**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**ALLEGHANY CORPORATION, 7  
TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH  
FLOOR**

(Street)

**NEW YORK, NY 10036**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
**ALLEGHANY CORP /DE [Y]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**10/07/2012**

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 and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ 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)
Common Stock	10/07/2012		M	23,433	A <u>11</u>	89,071	D
Common Stock	10/07/2012		F	11,792	D <u>\$</u> <u>350.93</u> <u>(1)</u>	77,279	D

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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 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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	(2)	10/07/2012		M		23,433	(3)	10/07/2012	10/07/2012	Common Stock	23,433 (3)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HICKS WESTON M ALLEGHANY CORPORATION 7 TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10036	X		President and CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Weston M.  
Hicks

10/10/2012

\*\*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 phantom stock units were settled for 23,433 shares of Common Stock, of which 11,792 shares of Common Stock were withheld in payment of applicable tax withholding obligations pursuant to the terms of the Company's 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (2) The phantom stock units convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (3) Includes 3,433 phantom stock units reflecting dividends paid in respect of the Common Stock underlying the phantom stock units during the period between the date of grant and the exercise date.

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