FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name ar	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PEOPLES HOLDING CO [PHC]									heck all appl	icable) or		Owner					
C/O PEOPLES BANK & TRUST CO						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2004									r (give title)	Other below	(specify)	
209 TROY STREET						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)				
(Street) TUPELO	•		38802-0709										Form	Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	ity) (State) (Zip)		Zip)															
		Tab	e I - Non-D	Deriva	tive	Seci	uritie	s Ac	cquired, D	ispo	sed o	of, or Be	neficia	lly Owne	d			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da					Execution Dat			n Date	Code (Instr. 5)				ed (A) or str. 3, 4 an	Benefic	ies Formially (D) (Following (I) (I	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
									Code	/ A	mount	(A) o	r Price	Transac (Instr. 3	tion(s)		(11150.4)	
	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)	Co	Transaction Code (Instr				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Co	ode V	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expir Date	ration	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Phantom Stock	\$32.98 ⁽³⁾	03/31/2004			A		57.6		(1)	(:	[1)	Common Stock	57.6	\$32.98 ⁽²⁾	250.22	D		

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The stock units are to be settled 100% in common stock upon the reporting person's retirement or upon approved request for hardship reasons.
- 2. The phantom stock units were accrued under the PHC deferred compensation plan.
- 3. The conversion or exercise price is one for one.

Richard Heyer, Jr. 04/02/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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