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Explanation of Responses:

|Employee Stock Option (Right

|to buy)

(1) Equal installments of 33 1/3 % of the option shares granted will become exercisable on the completion of one, two and three years of service measured from the grant date, respectively. These options expire ten (10) years from the grant date.

/s/ Stuart Johnson	January 2, 2003	
**Signature of Penorting Person	Data	

\$35.20

\$42.23

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