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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* YOUNG LARRY | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PEOPLES HOLDING CO [PHC] | | | | | | | | | k all appli | , | | | |
|--|------------------------|---|---------------------|---|--|---|---|--|---|---------|--|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 604 LONGVIEW ROAD | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/30/2004 | | | | | | | | | Officer below) | (give title | | Other (s below) | specify | | |
| (Street) PONTO | | | 38863 (Zip) | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | 6. Indi Line) X | Form | or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable rm filed by One Reporting Person rm filed by More than One Reporting rson | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date) | | | | | Execution Date, | | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Acq Disposed Of (D) (5) | | | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) (D) | Pri | се | Transac (Instr. 3 | ction(s) | | | ,su. -, | | |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Derivative Conversion Date Execusive Or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any | | 3A. Deemed Execution I if any (Month/Day | Date, Trans Code | | action (Instr. Deriv Secul Acqu (A) or Dispo | | of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed | | i. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | D S (I | Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | у | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisabl | | xpiration ate | Title | Amou or Numb of Share | er | | | | | |
| Phantom Stock | \$31.73 ⁽³⁾ | 09/30/2004 | | | A | | 79.18 | | (1) | | (1) | Common Stock | 79.1 | 8 8 | 31.73 ⁽²⁾ | 722.01 | | 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.

J. Larry Young

10/04/2004

** 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).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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