FORM 4

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Transaction(s)

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(Instr. 4)

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person PEOPLES HOLDING CO [PHC] **DICKERSON MARSHALL** Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) below) below) (Last) (First) (Middle) 03/31/2004 C/O PEOPLES BANK & TRUST CO 209 TROY STREET 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) (Street) Form filed by One Reporting Person **TUPELO** 38802-0709 MS Form filed by More than One Reporting (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction 2A. Deemed 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature **Execution Date** Transaction Securities Form: Direct of Indirect (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Year) (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Code (Instr. 5) Beneficially Beneficial Owned Following Ownership 8) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) or (D) ٧ Code Amount Price (Instr. 3 and 4) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) 1. Title of 3. Transaction 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and 8. Price of 9. Number of 11. Nature Derivative Derivative of Indirect Conversion **Execution Date** Transaction Expiration Date Amount of derivative Ownership (Month/Day/Year) Security (Instr. 3) or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) Code (Instr. Derivative Securities Security Securities Form: Beneficial Underlying Derivative Security (Month/Day/Year) Direct (D) 8) (Instr. 5) Price of Securities Beneficially Ownership Acquired Owned Following or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Security (A) or Disposed (Instr. 3 and 4) Reported

Explanation of Responses:

\$32.98⁽³⁾

Phantom

Stock

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.

Code

Α

2. The phantom stock units were accrued under the PHC deferred compensation plan.

03/31/2004

3. The conversion or exercise price is one for one.

Marshall Dickerson 04/02/2004

\$32.98⁽²⁾

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Amount Number

Shares

19.71

Expiration

(1)

Date

Title

Commor

Stock

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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of (D) (Instr. 3, 4

and 5)

(A)

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(D)

Exercisable