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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Peoples Holding Company (PHC)

3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)

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4. Statement for Month/Day/Year

December 31, 2002

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

- Director
- 10% Owner
- Officer (give title below)
- Other (specify below)

7. 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 (Mo/Dy/Yr) | 2a. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Mo/Dy/Yr) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr.8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr.3,4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (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 | | | | | 17,357 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 5,772 | I | Spouse |

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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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 (M/D/Y) | 3A Deemed Execution Date, if any | 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) | |
|---|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|-----|--|-----------------|
| | | | (M/D/Y) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date |

| 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr.5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Year (Instr.4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|----------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Robert C. Leake

February 14, 2003

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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