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January 20, 2010 FORM 4 FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b). STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940							OMB APPROVAL OMB 3235-0287 Number: January 31, 2005 Estimated average burden hours per response 0.5				
(Print or Type Rea	sponses)										
Burbach Gerhard F Symbo				Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading ibol ORATEC CORP [THOR]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Dat (Mont			(Month/D	Date of Earliest Transaction onth/Day/Year) /19/2010				(Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Chief Executive Officer			
				mendment, Date Original Ionth/Day/Year)				 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Aca	Person uired, Disposed of	or Beneficial	ly Owned	
	2. Transaction Dat Month/Day/Year)	Execution any	ned	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) Code V	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ties A spose	cquired d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of	
Common Stock	01/19/2010			F	4,883 (1)	D	\$ 29.52	137,142	D		

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

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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 (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Secur	unt of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Burbach Gerhard F 6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE PLEASANTON, CA 94588	Х		Chief Executive Officer				
Signatures							
/s/Gerhard F. 0 Burbach	1/20/2010						
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date						

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Shares tendered in payment of the tax withholding obligation.

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