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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * McLain James (Last) (First) (Middle) 40 WANTAGE AVENUE			Symbol SELEC	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SELECTIVE INSURANCE GROUP INC [SIGI]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
			Middle) 3. Date	of Earliest Tra Day/Year)	ansaction			Director 10% Owner Selicite (give title below) Other (specify below) Senior Vice President				
	BRANCHV	(Street) ILLE, NJ 07890		endment, Da onth/Day/Year)	U	ıl		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting				
	(City)		(Zip) Tal	ole I - Non-D	erivative	Secui	ities Acq	Person quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned				
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	e 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	on Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)				
	Common Stock	02/07/2005		F	916	D	\$ 48.13	27,683.049 (1)	D			
	Common Stock							411.58	I	by wife in		

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

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Security (Instr. 3)		or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(mona, Day) Teal)	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of	(Month/Day/Year) ve es d		Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4	ying ies	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
					Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

McLain James

Senior Vice President 40 WANTAGE AVENUE

BRANCHVILLE, NJ 07890

Signatures

James McLain 02/09/2005 **Signature of Date Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- 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).
- Includes 236.661 shares acquired February 7, 2005, through the dividend reinvestment feature of restricted stock which was granted under Selective's Stock Option Plan II and vested on February 7, 2005.

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