

ZIMMERMAN JAMES A

Form 4

December 02, 2004

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ZIMMERMAN JAMES A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

MEDIA GENERAL INC [MEG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

12/01/2004

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

Vice President

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (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)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			(Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 5)			
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0	12/01/2004	A		48		<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Class A common stock	48	\$ 0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ZIMMERMAN JAMES A			Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ James A. Zimmerman, by George L. Mahoney,
Attorney-in-fact

12/02/2004

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date _____

Explanation of Responses:

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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) Units acquired under Company deferred compensation plan, final balance of which is distributed upon employee's termination of service.

(2) Upon retirement, employee has several options as to the timing and form of payout.

(3) Additionally, 22,000 non-derivative Class A common shares are held directly.

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