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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue.

See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Kienast Kay E			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AVOCENT CORP [AVCT]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
4991 CORPOR	4991 CORPORATE DRIVE		(Month/Day/Year) 01/22/2009	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specifically) below) EVP - Chief Marketing Officer		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Che Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
HUNTSVILLE	E, AL 35805	5		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person Person		

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative :	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	y 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. Securit on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/22/2009		M	3,500 (3)	A	\$ 14.97	18,555 <u>(1)</u>	D	
Common Stock	01/22/2009		D	437 (4)	D	\$ 14.97	18,118 <u>(1)</u>	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)

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. Transactio 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)		7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 an
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Performance-share Award with Market	\$ 14.97	01/22/2009		M	3,500	01/22/2009(2)	02/19/2018	Common

Reporting Owners

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Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiationsinps

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Kienast Kay E 4991 CORPORATE DRIVE HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805

EVP - Chief Marketing Officer

Stock

Signatures

Conditions

Richard K Hempstead Attorney-in-Fact for Kay

Kienast 01/26/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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 time-based and performance-based (now deemed earned) restricted shares awarded on June 6, 2008. 5,000 shares vest on

 January 1, 2010, and 4,999 shares vest on January 1, 2011. This also includes 5,000 shares of restricted stock units granted on July 14,

 2008. These shares vest on the earlier of the first anniversary of the grant date or the closing price of Avocent's common stock being at or above a specified level for each trading day during any consecutive 30 calendar day period.
- (2) Earned Date; These are Performance Shares granted on February 19, 2008 now deemed earned at fifty percent. 1,167 shares will vest on January 22, 2009 with the remaining two-thirds vesting in equal amounts on January 1, 2010 and January 1, 2011.
- (3) These are Market-Condition based Performance Shares granted on February 19, 2008 now deemed earned at fifty percent. 1,167 shares will vest on January 22, 2009 with the remaining two-thirds vesting in equal amounts on January 1, 2010 and January 1, 2011.
- (4) 437 shares were withheld as payment for taxes at the release of restricted shares on January 22, 2009.

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