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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.42	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	04/28/2013	04/28/2018	Common Stock	8,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 5	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Hunter Jesse N 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD ST. LOUIS, MO 63105	Â	Â	EVP & Chief Strategy Officer	Â			

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey A. Schwaneke (executed by attorney-in-fact)

02/12/2018

**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).
- (1) Ownership includes 78,001 shares of restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.

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