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1(b). Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer FINKE JOHN W Symbol HICKORY TECH CORP [HTCO] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Last) (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner _ Officer (give title 12/31/2006 Other (specify below) below) 221 EAST HICKORY Vice President STREET, PO BOX 3248 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting Filed(Month/Day/Year)

MANKATO, MNÂ 56002-3248

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

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(check applicable line)

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. Securi Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	d (A) o))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	8,094 (1)	D	Â
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	9,037 (2)	I	Rabbi Trust

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

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

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	Number	Expiration D	ate	Amou	int of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)	
	Security				Acquired					
					(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
									Amount	
									or	
						Date	*	Title	Number	
						Exercisable			of	
					(A) (D)				Shares	

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
FINKE JOHN W 221 EAST HICKORY STREET PO BOX 3248 MANKATO Â MNÂ 56002-3248	Â	Â	Vice President	Â			

Signatures

/s/ David A. Christensen, Attorney-in-fact for John W. Finke 02/10/2006

**Signature of 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).
- (1) Includes shares of stock acquired under the Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan and the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan as of December 31, 2005.

Date

(2) Includes shares of stock that were credited to the office's account under the Company's deferred compensation program in connection with the reinvestment of cash dividends paid on shares of common stock held in the Rabbi Trust through December 31, 2005.

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