

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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See Instruction 1(b).

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Rex L. Mears Route 4, Box 777 Seaford DE 19973	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Wilmington Trust Corporation [WL]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (check all applicable) _X_ Director ___ 10% Owner ___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction Required to be Reported (Month/Day/Year) 04/22/2009	
	4. If amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More Than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3, & 4)	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			
Common Stock	04/22/2009		M		618	A	\$0	12,963	I	By the Rex L. Mears Trust
Common Stock								1,198	D	

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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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 (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. No. of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, & 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (mm/dd/yy)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. No. of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3, & 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Securities: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Units	(1)	04/22/2009		M		618		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	618	(1)	0	D	
Non-Statutory Stock Option (3)	\$31.375							05/17/2001	05/16/2011	Common Stock	8,000		8,000	D	
Non-Statutory Stock Option (3)	\$27.91							02/20/2006	02/19/2013	Common Stock	3,500		3,500	D	
Non-Statutory Stock Option (3)	\$43.27							02/23/2009	02/19/2016	Common Stock	4,000		4,000	D	
Non-Statutory Stock Option (3)	\$37.02							02/25/2007	02/24/2014	Common Stock	8,000		8,000	D	
Non-Statutory Stock Option (3)	\$33.90							02/25/2008	02/20/2015	Common Stock	4,000		4,000	D	
Non-Statutory Stock Option (3)	\$43.70							02/15/2010	02/10/2017	Common Stock	3,500		3,500	D	
Non-Statutory Stock Option (3)	\$33.08							02/14/2011	02/12/2018	Common Stock	5,000		5,000	D	
Non-Statutory Stock Option (3)	\$10.63	04/22/2009		A		10,000		04/23/2012 (4)	04/24/2019 (4)	Common Stock	10,000	\$10.63	10,000	D	

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Explanation of Responses (cont.)

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) - One-for-one.
- (2) - These stock units converted to an equal number of shares of the registrant's common stock on April 22, 2009.
- (3) - (Right to buy).
- (4) - Exercisable on the later of April 23, 2012 or when the United States Treasury no longer holds any debt or equity security the registrant issued to it under the U.S. Treasury's Capital Purchase Program.

By: /s/ Gerard A. Chamberlain, Attorney-in-Fact	4/24/2009
Pursuant to Limited Power of Attorney	Date
**Signature of Reporting Person	

**Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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