

ANHEUSER-BUSCH COMPANIES, INC.

Form 4

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
KELLY JOHN F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ANHEUSER-BUSCH COMPANIES, INC. [BUD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
ONE BUSCH PLACE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/07/2004

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Vice President and Controller

ST. LOUIS, MO 63118-1852

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock (\$1 par value) | 12/07/2004 | | M | 1,000 A \$ 16.1681 | 31,819.394 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock (\$1 par value) | | | | | 16,821 (2) | I | 401(k) Plan |

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 (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) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) - ISO | \$ 16.1681 | 12/07/2004 | | M | 1,000 | (3) 12/19/2005 | Common Stock | 1,000 |
| Phantom Stock Units | (4) | | | | | (5) (5) | Common Stock | (5) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KELLY JOHN F ONE BUSCH PLACE ST. LOUIS, MO 63118-1852 | | | Vice President and Controller | |

Signatures

Laura H. Reeves, Attorney-in-Fact for John F. Kelly
12/08/2004

**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) Includes shares held through the company's automatic dividend reinvestment plan.

(2) Based on the latest plan statement as of September 28, 2004.

(3) The options became exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning on December 20, 1996.

(4) Each phantom share represents the value of one actual share of Common Stock.

(5) Represents reporting person's interest in phantom shares of Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. resulting from participation in the Anheuser-Busch 401(k) Restoration Plan. Phantom shares have no exercise feature nor any expiration date.

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