

GARDNER JEFFERY R
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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 *
GARDNER JEFFERY R

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 ONE ALLIED DRIVE
 (Street)

LITTLE ROCK, AR 72202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ALLTEL CORP [AT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/19/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Exec VP-Chief Fin. Officer

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | 01/19/2005 | 01/19/2005 | A | | 17,000 (1) \$ 55.26 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 173 | I | By 401(k) |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 55.26 | 01/19/2005 | 01/19/2005 | A | 1,809 | (2) 01/19/2015 | Common Stock | 1,809 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 55.26 | 01/19/2005 | 01/19/2005 | A | 58,191 | (2) 01/19/2015 | Common Stock | 58,191 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| GARDNER JEFFERY R ONE ALLIED DRIVE LITTLE ROCK, AR 72202 | | | Exec VP-Chief Fin. Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Gardner,
Jeffery R. 01/21/2005

**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) These shares were issued under an equity incentive plan adopted on January 21, 2004, in accordance with Rule 16b-3(d) and are subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture until vested. The shares vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the one year anniversary of the date of issuance.

(2) These options were granted on January 19, 2005, in accordance with Rule 16b-3(d) under a stock option plan and expire ten years after the date of grant. Each grant becomes exercisable beginning one year after the date of grant in increments of 20% of the grant per year, and is fully exercisable after the fifth year.

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