

EBY DOUGLAS C  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
EBY DOUGLAS C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
MARKEL CORP [MKL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/10/2007

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

C/O MARKEL CORPORATION, 4521 HIGHWOODS PKWY

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | 1,022.1002<br>(1)   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/10/2007                           |  | P                              | 100 A \$ 469.96   | 100   | I  | TPF Diversified, L.P. (2)                             |
| Common Stock                    | 12/10/2007                           |  | P                              | 50 A \$ 470   | 150   | I  | TPF Diversified, L.P. (2)                             |
| Common Stock                    | 12/10/2007                           |  | P                              | 10 A \$ 469.97  | 160   | I  | TPF Diversified,                                      |

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5) |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| EBY DOUGLAS C<br>C/O MARKEL CORPORATION<br>4521 HIGHWOODS PKWY<br>GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Kathryn H. Robinson, Attorney-in-fact for Douglas C. Eby 12/12/2007

\_\_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 1,000 Restricted Stock Units granted pursuant to the Markel Corporation Omnibus Incentive Plan.
- (2) The shares were acquired and are held by TPF Diversified, L.P., a limited partnership. The general partner of this limited partnership, TimePartners LLC, is wholly-owned by the reporting person. In addition, the reporting person holds a limited partnership interest in the limited partnership. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein. The inclusion of these securities in this report is not an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such

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securities for Section 16 or any other purpose. The transaction reported herein was matchable under Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act with sales by the reporting person on August 22, 2007. The reporting person has agreed to pay any "profit" from the transaction, as determined in accordance with Section 16, to the issuer to the extent of his pecuniary interest in the transaction.

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