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Section 16.SECURITIESburden hours per responseForm 4 orForm 55Form 5Filed 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 19400.5											
(Print or Type	Responses)										
1. Name and A PATRACU	r Name and Ticker or Trading				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer						
(Last)	(First) (Middle)	3. Date o	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				eck all applicable)				
(Month/Day/Year) C/O UST INC., 6 HIGH RIDGE 12/08/2008 PARK, BLDG. A							Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) VP & Controller				
	endment, Date Original nth/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 						
(City)	(State) (Zip)				~		Person				
						-	uired, Disposed of		-		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. E (Month/Day/Year) Exect any (Mon	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transactior(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or				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			Code V		(D)	Price \$					
Stock	12/08/2008		М	10,000	А	33.25	62,726	D			
Common Stock	12/08/2008		S	6,987	D	\$ 68.91 (1)	55,739	D			
Common Stock	12/09/2008		М	15,000	А	\$ 33.25	70,739	D			
Common Stock	12/09/2008		М	25,000	А	\$ 39.31	95,739	D			
Common Stock	12/09/2008		S	29,850	D	\$ 68.89	70,572 <u>(3)</u>	D			

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of iorDerivative 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 Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.25	12/08/2008		М		10,000	07/23/2004 <u>(4)</u>	07/22/2013	Common Stock	10,0
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.25	12/09/2008		М		15,000	07/23/2004 <u>(4)</u>	07/22/2013	Common Stock	15,0
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 39.31	12/09/2008		М		25,000	09/10/2005 <u>(5)</u>	09/09/2014	Common Stock	25,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
FB	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
PATRACUOLLA JAMES D C/O UST INC. 6 HIGH RIDGE PARK, BLDG. A STAMFORD, CT 06905			VP & Controller					

Signatures

Lorna R. Simms, By Power of Attorney

12/10/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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) Represents average sale price of shares sold, actual sale prices range from \$68.90 to \$68.92.
- (2) Represents average sale price of shares sold, actual sale prices range from \$68.80 to \$68.91.
- (3) Includes a total of 4,224 shares held in the UST Inc. Employees' Savings Plan and 459 shares held in the UST Dividend Reinvestment Plan as of this date.
- (4) Ratably over a three year period commencing 07/23/2004.
- (5) Ratably over a three year period commencing 09/10/2005.

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