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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Horowitz Steven L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(Middle)

BANKRATE INC [RATE]

(Check all applicable)

(First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year)

02/07/2006

below) below)

11 EAST 44TH STREET, SUITE 1200

Senior VP-Business Development 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Zip)

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

(Instr. 4)

Person

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

NEW YORK, NY 10017

(City)

Security

(Instr. 3)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or

Disposed of (D)

(A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

(Instr. 4)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

Code

Following Reported Transaction(s)

Owned

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of

> (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Date

Other

Title

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Employee

Common Stock \$ 35.75 02/07/2006 A 12,500 02/07/2007(1) 02/07/2013 Stock

Option

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner

Horowitz Steven L 11 EAST 44TH STREET **SUITE 1200** NEW YORK, NY 10017

Senior VP-Business Development

Signatures

Steven L. 02/09/2006 Horowitz

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

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

Date

- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Options to purchase 3,125 shares vest on February 7, 2007. The remaining options vest monthly beginning on March 7, 2007 through February 7, 2010.

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