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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION									PPROVAL		
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obligation may conti <i>See</i> Instru 1(b).	inue. Section 17(a	a) of the H	Public Ut		ing Con	npany	y Act of	e Act of 1934, 1935 or Section 0	n		
(Print or Type R	Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> SISSEL GEORGE A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BALL CORP [BLL]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First) (M	liddle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction					(Check all applicable)			
BALL CORPORATION, 10 LONGS PEAK DR.			(Month/Day/Year) 12/15/2004					X_ Director10% Owner Officer (give titleOther (specify below)below)			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
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(City)	(State) ((Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	lv Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deer (Month/Day/Year) Executio any (Month/I		ned 3. 4. Securities Ac			cquired d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of		
				Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	12/15/2004			A <u>(1)</u>	175	A	\$ 44.94	180,528	D		
Common Stock								81,670	I	by GRAT	
Common Stock								39,200	Ι	by Spouse	

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)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	of	;	Date	Amou Under Secur	rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address								
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
SISSEL GEORGE A BALL CORPORATION 10 LONGS PEAK DR. BROOMFIELD, CO 80021-2510	Х							
Signatures								
By: Robert W. McClelland, Assoc Sissel	12/16/2004							

**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) Dividend reinvestment in Ball Corporation Deferred Compensation Company Stock Plan.
- (2) The reporting person expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities.

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