

EBY DOUGLAS C
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O MARKEL
CORPORATION, 4521
HIGHWOODS PKWY

(Street)

GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock							1,022.1002 (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,

L.P. ⁽²⁾

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 Beneficially Owned Following the Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
EBY DOUGLAS C C/O MARKEL CORPORATION 4521 HIGHWOODS PKWY 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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