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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

To Be Held On June 17, 2015

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You are cordially invited to attend the 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the Annual Meeting) of Pendrell Corporation, a Washington corporation (the Company or Pendrell). The meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. local time at The Woodmark Hotel, 1200 Carillon Point, Kirkland, WA 98033. At the meeting, shareholders will be asked to:

- 1. elect seven directors;
- 2. approve, on an advisory basis, executive officer compensation;
- 3. designate Washington as the exclusive forum for adjudicating certain intra-corporate disputes;
- 4. ratify our Tax Benefits Preservation Plan;
- 5. ratify the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015; and
- 6. conduct any other business properly brought before the meeting.

These items of business are more fully described in the proxy statement that accompanies this notice (this Notice).

The record date for the Annual Meeting is April 20, 2015. Only shareholders of record at the close of business on that date may vote at the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Timothy M. Dozois

Corporate Secretary

Kirkland, Washington

May 15, 2015

Important Notice Regarding Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on June 17, 2015. You may access an electronic, searchable copy of the proxy statement and the Annual Report to Shareholders for the year ended December 31, 2014 at: www.edocumentview.com/PCO.

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PENDRELL CORPORATION

2300 Carillon Point

Kirkland, Washington 98033

PROXY STATEMENT

FOR THE 2015 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

JUNE 17, 2015

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING & VOTING

This proxy statement contains information about the 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Pendrell Corporation (the Annual Meeting) to be held at The Woodmark Hotel, 1200 Carillon Point, Kirkland, Washington 98033 on Wednesday, June 17, 2015, commencing at 10:00 a.m. local time.

This proxy statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the board of directors of Pendrell Corporation (also referred to as Pendrell, the Company, we, us or our in this proxy statement), for use at the Annual Meeting and any adjournment of that meeting.

These proxy solicitation materials and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 are being mailed to all shareholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting on or about May 15, 2015.

Who can vote at the Annual Meeting?

Only shareholders of record at the close of business on April 20, 2015 (the Record Date) will be entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting. On the Record Date, there were 212,879,250 shares of Class A common stock outstanding with voting rights (one vote per share) and 53,660,000 shares of Class B common stock outstanding with voting rights (ten votes per share).

Shareholders of Record: Shares Registered in Your Name

If on the Record Date your shares were registered directly in your name or with our transfer agent, Computershare Inc., then you are a shareholder of record. As a shareholder of record, you may vote in person at the meeting or vote by proxy.

Beneficial Owners: Shares Registered in the Name of a Broker or Bank

If on the Record Date your shares were held not in your name, but rather in an account at a brokerage firm, bank, dealer, or other similar organization (your Broker), then you are the beneficial owner of shares held in street name. As a beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your Broker regarding how to vote your shares. You are also invited to attend the Annual Meeting. However, because you are not the shareholder of record, you may not vote your shares in person at the Annual Meeting unless you request and obtain a valid proxy from your Broker.

What am I voting on?

There are five proposals scheduled for a vote:

A proposal to elect seven directors;

A proposal to approve named executive officer compensation on an advisory basis;

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A proposal to amend our Articles of Incorporation to designate Washington as the exclusive forum for adjudicating certain intra-corporate disputes;

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A proposal to ratify our Tax Benefits Preservation Plan; and

A proposal to ratify the selection of Grant Thornton LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2015. **How do I vote?**

Shareholders of Record: Shares Registered in Your Name

If you are a shareholder of record, you may vote (i) in person at the Annual Meeting, (ii) by proxy using the enclosed proxy card, (iii) by proxy over the telephone, or (iv) by proxy on the Internet. Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, we urge you to vote by proxy to ensure your vote is counted. You may attend the meeting, revoke your proxy and vote in person, even if you previously voted by proxy.

To vote in person, come to the Annual Meeting and we will give you a ballot when you arrive.

To vote using the proxy card, complete, sign and date the enclosed proxy card and return it promptly in the envelope provided. If you return your signed proxy card to us before the Annual Meeting, we will vote your shares as you direct.

To vote over the telephone, dial toll-free 1-800-652-VOTE (8683) using a touch-tone phone and follow the recorded instructions. You will be asked to provide the company number and control number from your enclosed proxy card. Your vote must be received by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on June 16, 2015, the day prior to the Annual Meeting, to be counted.

To vote on the Internet, go to *www.envisionreports.com/PCO* to complete an electronic proxy card. You will be asked to provide the company number and control number from your enclosed proxy card. Your vote must be received by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on June 16, 2015, the day prior to the Annual Meeting, to be counted.

Beneficial Owners: Shares Registered in the Name of Broker

If you are a beneficial owner of shares registered in the name of your Broker, and you wish to vote by proxy, you must complete and return to your Broker the voting instruction form, as directed by your Broker, to ensure that your vote is counted. Alternatively, you may vote by telephone or over the Internet as instructed by your Broker. To vote in person at the Annual Meeting, you must obtain a valid proxy from your Broker. You may contact your Broker to request a proxy form.

How many votes do I have?

On each proposal to be voted upon, you will have one vote for each share of Class A common stock you own as of the Record Date and ten votes for each share of Class B common stock you own as of the Record Date.

What happens if I fail to provide voting instructions to my Broker?

If you are a beneficial owner of shares registered in the name of your Broker and you fail to provide voting instructions to your Broker, your Broker cannot vote your shares on the proposal to elect directors, the proposal to approve named executive compensation on an advisory basis, the proposal to amend our Articles of Incorporation to designate Washington as the exclusive forum for adjudicating certain intra-corporate disputes, or the proposal to ratify our Tax Benefits Preservation Plan, which are non-discretionary items.

Who is paying for this proxy solicitation?

The Company is paying the cost of soliciting proxies. We also reimburse Brokers for the cost of forwarding proxy materials to beneficial owners. We are not paying any compensation for the solicitation of proxies.

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What does it mean if I receive more than one Notice?

If you receive more than one Notice, your shares are probably registered in more than one name or in different accounts. Please sign and return all proxy cards or voting instruction forms you receive to ensure that all of your shares are voted.

Can I change my vote after submitting my proxy?

Yes. You can revoke your proxy at any time before the vote at the Annual Meeting. If you are the record holder of your shares, you may revoke your proxy in any one of three ways:

You may submit another properly completed proxy card with a later date.

You may send a timely written notice that you are revoking your proxy to our Corporate Secretary at 2300 Carillon Point, Kirkland, Washington 98033.

You may attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person. Simply attending the meeting will not, by itself, revoke your proxy. If your shares are held by your Broker, you must follow the instructions provided by your Broker in order to revoke your proxy.

How are votes counted?

Votes will be counted by the inspector of election appointed for the meeting, who will separately count votes as follows: (i) For and Withhold with respect to the election of directors; (ii) For, Against, and Abstain with respect to the advisory (non-binding) resolution on executive compensation; (iii) For, Against, and Abstain with respect to the proposed amendment to our Articles of Incorporation to designate Washington as the exclusive forum for adjudicating certain intra-corporate disputes; (iv) For, Against, and Abstain with respect to the ratification of our Tax Benefits Preservation Plan; and (v) For, Against, and Abstain with respect to the ratification of the selection of our independent registered public accounting firm. Abstentions, withholds and broker non-votes will each be counted as present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum but will have no effect in the outcome of Proposals 1, 2, 4 and 5 and will have the same effect as a vote against Proposal 3.

What if I return a proxy card but do not make specific choices?

If you are a shareholder of record and you return a signed and dated proxy card without marking any voting selections, your shares will be voted **For** the election of all seven nominees for director, **For** the advisory (non-binding) resolution on executive compensation, **For** the amendment to our Articles of Incorporation to designate Washington as the exclusive forum for adjudicating certain intra-corporate disputes; **For** the ratification of our Tax Benefits Preservation Plan; and **For** the ratification of the selection of our independent registered public accounting firm. If any other matter is properly presented at the meeting, your proxy holder (one of the individuals named on your proxy card) will vote your shares using his best judgment.

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How many votes are needed to approve each proposal?

The following votes are required under our governing documents and Washington state law to approve each proposal:

Proposal 1 Election of directors	Vote Required Plurality, or the largest number, of the votes cast	Effect of Abstentions and Broker Non-Votes on Vote Required Withheld votes and broker non-votes will have no effect on the election of directors; only votes cast for a director will affect the outcome of the vote for the election of directors.
Proposal 2 Advisory vote to approve named executive officer compensation*	Approval of the majority of votes cast	Abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted as present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum but will not have any effect on the outcome of the proposal.
Proposal 3 Amendment to our Articles of Incorporation to designate Washington as the exclusive forum for adjudicating certain intra-corporate disputes	Approval of a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast	Abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted as present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum but will have the same effect as a vote against the proposal.
Proposal 4 Ratification of Tax Benefits Preservation Plan	Approval of the majority of votes cast	Abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted as present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum but will not have any effect on the outcome of the proposal.
Proposal 5 Ratification of the selection of our independent registered public accounting firm	Approval of the majority of votes cast	Abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted as present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum but will not have any effect on the outcome of the proposal. If your Broker holds shares in your name, the Broker, in the absence of voting instructions from you, is entitled to vote your shares on this proposal.

^{*} This vote is advisory and not binding on us, our Board of Directors or our Compensation Committee. However, the Board and the Compensation Committee have historically reviewed the voting results and taken them into consideration when making future decisions regarding the compensation of our named executive officers (who are identified in the *Summary Compensation Table* below).

What is the quorum requirement?

A quorum of shareholders is necessary to hold a valid meeting. A quorum will be present if shareholders holding shares representing a majority of the combined voting power of the outstanding Class A common stock and Class B common stock are present at the meeting in person or represented by proxy. On the Record Date, there were 212,879,250 shares of Class A common stock outstanding and 53,660,000 shares of Class B common stock outstanding, representing an aggregate of 749,479,250 potential votes, thereby requiring holders of shares

representing 374,739,626 votes to be present in person or by proxy to have a quorum. Abstentions and broker non-votes are considered as shares present at the Annual Meeting for the purpose of determining a quorum. If there is no quorum, the Chairman of the meeting may adjourn the meeting to another date or time.

Shareholder Proposals for 2016 Annual Meeting

If you want to include a proposal in the Company s proxy statement for our 2016 annual meeting of shareholders, you must (i) be a record or beneficial owner of shares of common stock having a market value of at least \$2,000 (or representing at least 1% of the shares entitled to vote on the proposal), (ii) have owned such shares for at least one year prior to submitting the proposal, (iii) continue to hold the shares through the date on which the meeting is held, and (iv) comply with U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Rule 14a-8 or applicable provisions of our Bylaws. Under SEC Rule 14a-8, we must receive your proposal not less than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the first anniversary of the date that this proxy statement is released to our shareholders, or, if the date of our 2016 annual meeting of shareholders changes by more than 30 days from the date of the 2015 Annual Meeting, then not less than a reasonable time before we begin to print and mail our 2016 proxy materials. Under our Bylaws, we must receive your notice of intention no later than March 15, 2016, and such proposal must be a proper matter for shareholder action under Washington corporate law. You may obtain a copy of our Bylaws by mailing a written request to our Corporate Secretary at 2300 Carillon Point, Kirkland, Washington 98033 or by visiting the Company s website at www.pendrell.com. Proposals may be mailed to us, to the attention of the Corporate Secretary, Pendrell Corporation, 2300 Carillon Point, Kirkland, Washington 98033.

Shareholder Communication with the Board of Directors

If you wish to communicate with our Board of Directors, or with any individual member of the Board, regarding our business, you may send your communication in writing to the attention of our Corporate Secretary at 2300 Carillon Point, Kirkland, Washington 98033, with a request to forward the communication to the intended recipients. Shareholder communications must confirm that the sender is a Pendrell shareholder, and may be reviewed by our General Counsel, Corporate Secretary, Chief Financial Officer or other officer or employee in order to create an appropriate record of the communication and to ensure director privacy. Communications sent by shareholders to our Board of Directors are not confidential and we may use them for any purpose. Our directors do not entertain communications that do not directly relate to the directors duties and responsibilities as directors of Pendrell. Such excluded communications include spam, advertisements, mass mailings, form letters and email campaigns that involve unduly large numbers of similar communications, solicitations for goods, services, employment or contributions, surveys, individual product inquiries or complaints, and communications that have no rational relevance to our business or operations. Additionally, communications that appear to be unduly hostile, intimidating, threatening, illegal or similarly inappropriate will not be forwarded to our directors.

Householding

The SEC has adopted rules that permit the Company and intermediaries (e.g., Brokers) to satisfy proxy statement delivery requirements by delivering a single proxy statement to two or more shareholders who share the same address. A single annual report to shareholders and proxy statement will be delivered to multiple shareholders sharing an address unless contrary instructions have been received from the affected shareholders. This process, which is commonly referred to as householding, potentially means extra convenience for shareholders and cost savings for the Company. This year, a number of Brokers will be householding our proxy materials. If you receive notice from your Broker that it will be householding Pendrell's communications to you, householding will continue until you are notified otherwise or until you revoke your consent. If, at any time, you no longer wish to participate in householding and would prefer to receive a separate annual report to shareholders and proxy statement, please notify your Broker. Upon written or oral request, we will promptly deliver a separate copy of the annual report to shareholders and proxy statement to a

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shareholder at a shared address to which a single copy of the documents was delivered. Direct your written request to Pendrell Corporation, 2300 Carillon Point, Kirkland, Washington 98033, Attn: Corporate Secretary. Shareholders who currently receive multiple copies of the proxy statement at their addresses and would like to request householding of their communications should contact their Brokers.

How can I find out the results of the voting at the Annual Meeting?

Preliminary voting results will be announced at the Annual Meeting. Final voting results will be published in a Current Report on Form 8-K to be filed with the SEC within four business days after the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, or any postponement or adjournment of the Annual Meeting.

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VOTING SECURITIES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS

Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management

The following table sets forth certain information, as of April 20, 2015, as to shares of common stock beneficially owned by: (i) each person who is known by us to own beneficially more than five percent of either our Class A common stock or Class B common stock, (ii) each of our directors, (iii) each of our named executive officers and (iv) all of our directors and current executive officers as a group. The information provided in the table is based on our records, information filed with the SEC and information furnished by the respective individuals or entities, as the case may be.

Applicable percentage ownership is based on 212,879,250 shares of Class A common stock and 53,660,000 shares of Class B common stock outstanding at April 20, 2015.

In computing the number of shares of common stock beneficially owned by a person and the percentage ownership of that person, we deemed outstanding shares of common stock that a person has the right to acquire within 60 days of April 20, 2015. See footnote 3 for a description of these rights. We did not deem these shares outstanding, however, for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of any other person.

	Shares Beneficially Owned(1)					
	Class A Common Stock Number of		Class B Common Stock Number of			
Name and Address of Beneficial Owner(2)	Shares Beneficially Owned(3)	Percent of Class	Shares Beneficially Owned	Percent of Class	% Total Voting Power(4)	
5% Shareholders(5)	Owned(3)	Class	Owneu	Class	rower(4)	
Eagle River Satellite Holdings, LLC and affiliates(6)	43,968,412	20.7%	44,360,000	82.7%	65.1%	
James D. Dondero, Highland Capital Management, L.P., and						
affiliates(7)	52,679,332	24.8%			7.0%	
Mente, L.L.C.(8)	1,912,080	*	9,300,000	17.3%	12.7%	
Named Executive Officers						
Lee E. Mikles(9)	479,220	*			*	
Benjamin G. Wolff	11,385,431	5.1%			*	
Steven A. Ednie		*			*	
David H. Rinn	36,633	*			*	
R. Gerard Salemme	3,256,918	1.5%			*	
Scott G. Richardson	445,632	*			*	
Timothy M. Dozois	467,250	*			*	
Robert S. Jaffe	112,581	*			*	
Directors (other than Messrs. Mikles and Salemme indicated above)						
Richard P. Emerson	439,541	*			*	
Nicolas Kauser	397,848	*			*	
Craig O. McCaw(10)	44,792,322	21.0%	44,360,000	82.7%	65.1%	
Stuart M. Sloan	454,347	*			*	
H. Brian Thompson	589,234	*			*	
All current directors and executive officers as a group (10 persons)	51,322,312	23.6%	44,360,000	82.7%	65.6%	

^{*} Less than one percent of the outstanding Class A or Class B common stock, respectively.

⁽¹⁾ We have determined beneficial ownership in accordance with the rules of the SEC. Except as indicated by the footnotes below, we believe, based on the information furnished to us, that the persons and entities named have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of common stock that they

beneficially own. Holders of restricted shares have sole voting power, irrespective of whether the restricted shares have vested. See the *Outstanding Equity Awards at 2014 Fiscal Year-End* table for information on outstanding restricted stock awards that remain subject to vesting and forfeiture restrictions.

- (2) Unless otherwise indicated, the address of each beneficial owner indicated is c/o Pendrell Corporation, 2300 Carillon Point, Kirkland, Washington 98033.
- (3) The number of shares of Class A common stock beneficially owned by our named executive officers and directors includes shares issuable upon the exercise of outstanding options held by such individuals that are exercisable within 60 days of April 20, 2015, as set forth in the table below.

	Options
Name	Exercisable
Mr. Mikles	18,750
Mr. Wolff	8,927,500
Mr. Ednie	
Mr. Rinn	
Mr. Salemme	2,278,750
Mr. Richardson	296,874
Mr. Dozois	312,500
Mr. Jaffe	
Mr. Emerson	330,000
Mr. Kauser	340,000
Mr. McCaw	300,000
Mr. Sloan	305,000
Mr. Thompson	500,000
All current directors and executive officers as a group (10 persons)	4,681,874

- (4) Percentage total voting power represents voting power with respect to all shares of our Class A common stock and Class B common stock, as a single class. Each holder of Class B common stock is entitled to ten votes per share of Class B common stock and each holder of Class A common stock is entitled to one vote per share of Class A common stock on all matters submitted to our shareholders for a vote. The Class A common stock and Class B common stock vote together as a single class on all matters submitted to a vote of our shareholders, except as may otherwise be required by law. The Class B common stock is convertible at any time by the holder into shares of Class A common stock on a share-for-share basis.
- (5) Based on a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 13, 2015 by Ariel Investments, LLC (Ariel), Ariel reported that as of December 31, 2014, it owned an aggregate of 22,547,095 shares of Class A common stock and that its address is 200 E. Randolph Drive, Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60601. Based on representations provided by Ariel to the Company, Ariel is not the beneficial owner of the securities reported in Schedule 13G, and Ariel s clients have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, all securities reported in Schedule 13G.
- (6) Includes 20,696,037 shares of Class A common stock beneficially owned by Eagle River Satellite Holdings, LLC (ERSH); 2,339,724 shares of Class A common stock held by Eagle River, Inc.; 17,932,651 shares of Class A common stock held by Eagle River Partners, LLC (ERP); 3,000,000 shares of Class A common stock held by Eagle River Investments, LLC (ERI); and 44,360,000 shares of Class B common stock held by ERSH. Mr. McCaw is the sole manager and beneficial member of ERI, which is the sole member of ERSH. Mr. McCaw is the sole shareholder of Eagle River, Inc. and the beneficial member of ERP. Mr. McCaw disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities owned by ERSH, ERI and ERP, except to the extent of any pecuniary interest.
- (7) Based on information provided by Highland Capital Management, L.P. (Highland Capital). Includes shares of Class A common stock beneficially owned and/or held by or for the account of James D. Dondero (including through family trusts), Highland Capital, and Strand Advisors, Inc. Highland Capital serves as an investment adviser to, and manages investment and trading accounts of, other persons and may be deemed,

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- through investment advisory contracts or otherwise, to beneficially own securities owned by other persons. Strand Advisors is the general partner of Highland Capital and may be deemed to beneficially own securities owned by Highland Capital. Mr. Dondero is the President and a director of Strand Advisors and may be deemed to beneficially own securities owned by Strand Advisors. Mr. Dondero, Highland Capital and Strand Advisors disclaim beneficial ownership of these securities, except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein. The address of Mr. Dondero and Highland Capital is Two Galleria Tower, 13455 Noel Road, Suite 800, Dallas, Texas 75240.
- (8) Based on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 14, 2011, wherein Mente, L.L.C. reported all common stock held may be deemed to be beneficially owned by William H. Gates, III as the sole member of Mente, L.L.C. The address of Mente, L.L.C. is 2365 Carillon Point, Kirkland, Washington 98033.
- (9) Includes 33,163 shares of Class A common stock held directly by Mr. Mikles; 79,416 shares of Class A common stock held in Mr. Mikles individual retirement account; 61,000 shares of Class A common stock held in trusts and/or custodial accounts for the benefit of Mr. Mikles children; 161,100 shares of Class A common stock held in a revocable trust; and 125,791 shares of Class A common stock held by Mr. Mikles spouse. Mr. Mikles disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities owned other than directly by him except to the extent of any pecuniary interest.
- (10) Includes (i) 523,910 shares of Class A common stock held directly by Mr. McCaw and (ii) 43,968,412 shares of Class A common stock and 44,360,000 shares of Class B common stock beneficially owned by ERSH and its affiliates. See footnote 6 above. Mr. McCaw is the sole manager and beneficial member of ERI, which is the sole member of ERSH. Mr. McCaw is the sole shareholder of Eagle River, Inc. and the beneficial member of ERP. Mr. McCaw disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities owned by ERSH, ERI and ERP, except to the extent of any pecuniary interest.

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Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act) requires our executive officers, directors and ten percent shareholders to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership with the SEC. The same persons are required to furnish us with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file. Based solely on our review of such forms furnished to us during the most recent fiscal year, we believe that all reports required by section 16(a) for transactions in the year ended December 31, 2014 were filed timely, except as follows: A Form 3 was filed on behalf of Lee E. Mikles on April 11, 2014 that inadvertently omitted certain indirect holdings of our Class A common stock, including (a) 125,000 shares held by a trust, (b) 112,300 shares held by his spouse, (c) 10,000 shares held by a trust for the benefit of a child, and (d) 1,000 shares held in a custodial account for the benefit of a child. These indirect holdings were reported on Form 5 filed on February 11, 2015.