

AMERUS GROUP CO/IA  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
PESTER JACK C

(Last) (First) (Middle)

699 WALNUT STREET, SUITE 2000

(Street)

DES MOINES, IA 50309

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AMERUS GROUP CO/IA [AMH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/15/2006

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  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 11/15/2006                           | 11/15/2006   | D                              | 15,513  | D \$ 69 0   | D  |                                   |

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)**

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| 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Non-Qualified Option (Right to Buy)        | \$ 22.0625   | 11/15/2006                           | 11/15/2006   | D                              | 2,500   | <u>(1)</u> 01/04/2009                                    | Common Stock  | 2,500                      |
| Non-Qualified Option (Right to Buy)        | \$ 36.25   | 11/15/2006                           | 11/15/2006   | D                              | 2,500   | <u>(1)</u> 01/02/2008                                    | Common Stock  | 2,500                      |
| Non-Qualified Option (Right to Buy)        | \$ 22.4375   | 11/15/2006                           | 11/15/2006   | D                              | 2,500   | <u>(1)</u> 01/03/2010                                    | Common Stock  | 2,500                      |
| Non-Qualified Option (Right to Buy)        | \$ 31.25   | 11/15/2006                           | 11/15/2006   | D                              | 2,500   | <u>(1)</u> 01/02/2011                                    | Common Stock  | 2,500                      |
| Non-Qualified Option (Right to Buy)        | \$ 36.05   | 11/15/2006                           | 11/15/2006   | D                              | 3,500   | <u>(1)</u> 01/02/2012                                    | Common Stock  | 3,500                      |
| Non-Qualified Option (Right to Buy)        | \$ 29.25   | 11/15/2006                           | 11/15/2006   | D                              | 3,500   | <u>(1)</u> 01/02/2013                                    | Common Stock  | 3,500                      |
| Non-Qualified Option (Right to Buy)        | \$ 35.8  | 11/15/2006                           | 11/15/2006   | D                              | 3,500   | <u>(1)</u> 01/02/2014                                    | Common Stock  | 3,500                      |
| Non-Qualified Option (Right to Buy)        | \$ 44.55   | 11/15/2006                           | 11/15/2006   | D                              | 3,500   | <u>(1)</u> 01/03/2015                                    | Common Stock  | 3,500                      |
| Non-Qualified Option (Right to Buy)        | \$ 56.61   | 11/15/2006                           | 11/15/2006   | D                              | 3,500   | <u>(1)</u> 01/03/2016                                    | Common Stock  | 3,500                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
|                                |               |           |         |       |

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## Signatures

/s/ Jeananne M. Celander, Attorney-in-fact for Mr.  
Pester

11/15/2006

\_\_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) This option was vested immediately and was disposed of pursuant to the merger agreement between the issuer and Aviva plc for the price reflected in column 8.

### Remarks:

AmerUs Group Co. (NYSE: AMH) was merged into an acquisition subsidiary of Aviva plc on 11/15/2006. This form reports

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