ALLEGHANY CORP/DE

Form 4 October 03, 2005

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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may continue.

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

See Instruction 1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SLATTERY JAMES P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

(Middle)

ALLEGHANY CORP /DE [Y]

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

ALLEGHANY CORPORATION, 375 PARK

(First)

(Street)

(State)

AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

SVP - Insurance

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10% Owner

3235-0287

January 31,

2005

0.5

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4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

09/30/2005

Applicable Line)

Director

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

1,668

NEW YORK, NY 10152

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Ownership Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

D

Common Stock

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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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)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock	<u>(1)</u>	09/30/2005	A	13	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	13	<u>(2)</u>

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SLATTERY JAMES P ALLEGHANY CORPORATION 375 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10152

SVP - Insurance

Signatures

Christopher K. Dalrymple,

Attorney-in-Fact 09/30/2005

**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).
- The phantom stock units were accrued under the Alleghany Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan and are to be settled in cash upon
- (1) the earlier of the expiration of the current five year savings benefit deferral period or the termination of the undersigned's employment with Alleghany.
- (2) The phantom stock units are convertible into common stock of Alleghany Corporation on a one-for-one basis.

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