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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Kirscher Elizabeth

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Morningstar, Inc. [MORN]

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Pres., Data Services

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

12/28/2009

Director

_X__ 10% Owner

C/O MORNINGSTAR, INC., 22

(Street)

X_ Officer (give title) below)

__ Other (specify

WEST WASHINGTON STREET

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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

Person

CHICAGO, IL 60602

(City)	(State)	(Zip) 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Secur omr Dispo (Instr. 3,	osed of , 4 and (A) or	` ′	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)
Common Stock	12/23/2009		M	233	A	\$ 14.13	41,124	D	
Common Stock	12/23/2009		S	233	D	\$ 48.5762	40,891	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 14.13	12/23/2009		M	233	<u>(1)</u>	05/01/2010	Common Stock	233

Reporting Owners

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

Kirscher Elizabeth C/O MORNINGSTAR, INC.

22 WEST WASHINGTON STREET

X Pres., Data Services

CHICAGO, IL 60602

Signatures

/s/ Heidi Miller, by power of attorney 12/28/2009

**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) The options became exercisable in four equal installments on May 01, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004.

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