

ALTRIA GROUP, INC.
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FORM 4

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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 *
BALILES GERALD L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

6601 WEST BROAD STREET

(Street)

RICHMOND, VA 23230

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ALTRIA GROUP, INC. [MO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
10/31/2008

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)
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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)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	6,477 ⁽¹⁾	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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	10/31/2008		J	0 <u>(3)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	0	\$ 0
Phantom Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	10/31/2008		M	814	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	814	\$ 19.3 <u>(7)</u>

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BALILES GERALD L 6601 WEST BROAD STREET RICHMOND, VA 23230			X	

Signatures

Sean X. McKessy for Gerald L. Baliles
 11/04/2008
 **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 6,469 deferred shares held in the Stock Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors. This is an increase of 119 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends since September 30, 2008, the date of the last reportable transaction.
- (2) Phantom Stock Units convert to the cash value of the issuer's common stock on a 1-for-1 basis.
- (3) No share equivalents acquired or disposed.
- (4) The distribution of phantom stock units in cash is deferred until a specific date as elected by the participant or upon termination of service as a member of the issuer's board of directors.
- (5) Share equivalents held in the Deferred Fee Plan for Non-Employee Directors. This includes an increase of 15 share equivalents acquired through the reinvestment of dividends since September 30, 2008, the date of the last reportable transaction.
- (6) These units are being settled in cash pursuant to the Deferred Fee Plan for Non-Employee Directors and pursuant to a specific date as elected by the participant.

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(7) The average of the high and low price of Altria Group, Inc. common stock on October 31, 2008.

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