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FORM 4

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Form 5

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

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

obligations may continue. See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

ROBINSON DAVID C		Symbol EASTERN CO [EML]					Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First) (Middle)											
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction								
			(Month/Day/Year)					_X_ Director 10% Owner			
112 BRIDGE STREET		03/29/2006					Officer (giv below)	e titleOth below)	er (specify		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Mor	nth/Day/Yea	r)			Applicable Line)			
								X Form filed by	1 0		
NAUGATU	JCK, CT 06770							Person	More than one R	eporting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secu	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of	2. Transaction Da	te 2A. Dee	med	3.	4. Securi	ities A	cquired	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of	
Security	(Month/Day/Year		on Date, if		on(A) or D	•		Securities	Ownership	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		(Month/	Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and	.5)	Beneficially Owned	Form: Direct (D) or	Beneficial Ownership	
		(MOHUI)	Day/1eal)	(IIISII. 0)				Following	Indirect (I)	(Instr. 4)	
						(4)		Reported	(Instr. 4)	(1110111 1)	
						(A) or		Transaction(s)			
				Code V	Amount		Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock (1)	03/29/2006			A	298	A	\$ 20.62	36,250	D		
~										Trust u/w	
Common								10,125	I	Kenneth V.	

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)

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. DenNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		e	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
Non-qualified stock options (2)	\$ 9.92	09/17/1997		A	0	09/17/1997	10/17/2007	Common Stock	22,500
Non-qualified stock options (3)	\$ 14	09/09/1998		A	0	09/09/1998	10/09/2008	Common Stock	15,000
Non-qualified stock options	\$ 15.25	12/15/1999		A	0	12/15/1999	01/15/2010	Common Stock	12,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
ROBINSON DAVID C 112 BRIDGE STREET NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	X					

Signatures

David C. Robinson, by Theresa P. Dews his attorney-in-fact 03/30/2006

**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) 298 shares acquired under The Eastern Company Director's Fee Program pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d).
- Original 9/17/1997 option was for 15,000 shares at \$14.875 per share. As a result of a 3-for-2 stock split effective 5/28/1999 this option became an option for 22,500 shares at \$9.92 per share.
- Original 9/9/1998 option was for 10,000 shares at \$21.00 per share. As a result of a 3-for-2 stock split effective 5/28/1999 this option is now 15,000 shares at \$14.00 per share.

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