PALMER KAY J Form 4 February 02, 2012

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PALMER KAY J | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HUNT J B TRANSPORT SERVICES INC [JBHT] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|--|------------------|--|--|---|--|--|
| (Last) 615 J.B. HUN DRIVE | (First) (Middle) | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/01/2012 | Director 10% Owner Officer (give titleX Other (specify below) EVP, Chief Information Officer | | |
| | (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 | | |
| LOWELL, AR 72745 | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | le I - Non- | Derivativo | e Secu | rities Acqui | red, Disposed of, | or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|--------------|--------|---------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. 4. Securities A Transactiomr Disposed o Code (Instr. 3, 4 and (Instr. 8) (A) or | | | (D) | 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 | 02/01/2012 | | Code V S | Amount 2,000 | (D) | \$ 51.4535 | 63,797 | D | |
| Common Stock (k) | 02/01/2012 | | J <u>(1)</u> | 76 | A | \$ 0 (1) | 12,998 | 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)

| 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. orNumber 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) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock | \$ 0 (2) | | | | | 07/15/2011 | 08/15/2015 | Common Stock | 20,996 |
| Restricted Stock | (3) | | | | | 07/15/2012 | 08/15/2015 | Common Stock | 14,000 |
| Restricted Stock | \$ 0 | | | | | 07/15/2012 | 08/15/2016 | Common Stock | 15,000 |
| Restricted Stock | \$ 0 (4) | | | | | 07/15/2015 | 08/15/2015 | Common Stock | 17,000 |
| Restricted Stock | \$ 0 (2) | | | | | 07/15/2009 | 08/15/2013 | Common Stock | 6,800 |
| Restricted Stock | \$ 0 (2) | | | | | 07/15/2010 | 08/15/2014 | Common Stock | 8,160 |
| Right to Buy Stock Option | \$ 7.08 | | | | | 06/01/2004 | 10/24/2013 | Common Stock | 6,672 |
| Right to Buy Stock Option | \$ 12.2 | | | | | 06/01/2009 | 10/23/2014 | Common Stock | 16,000 |
| Right to Buy Stock Option | \$ 20.365 | | | | | 06/01/2012 | 10/21/2015 | Common Stock | 40,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PALMER KAY J 615 J.B. HUNT CORPORATE DRIVE LOWELL, AR 72745

EVP, Chief Information Officer

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/s/ Debbie Willbanks, Attorney-in-Fact for Kay
Palmer
02/02/2012

**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) Adjustment of shares in 401(k) at year end
- The Restricted Stock Award, approved by the Company's Compensation Committee, vests over a five-year period. There is no purchase (2) price required by the recipient in connection with this award. Termination of the recipient's employment with the Company for any reaso
- (2) price required by the recipient in connection with this award. Termination of the recipient's employment with the Company for any reason other than death or disability shall result in forfeiture of the award on the date of termination.
- The Restricted Stock Award, approved by the Company's Compensation Committee, vests over a four-year period. There is no purchase (3) price required by the recipient in connection with the award. Termination of recipient's employment with the Company for any reason other than death or disability shall result in forfeiture of the awards on the date of termination.
- The Restricted Stock award, approved by the Company's Compensation Committee, vests over an eight-year period. There is no purchase (4) price required by the recipient in connection with this award. Termination of the recipient's employment for any reason other than death or disability shall result in forfeiture of the award on the date of termination.

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