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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HICKORY TECH CORP [HTCO]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
(Month/Day/Year) 01/19/2010	Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Executive Officer			
4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
	Symbol HICKORY TECH CORP [HTCO] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/19/2010 4. If Amendment, Date Original			

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly 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 on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock							11,729 (1)	I	Rabbi Trust
Common Stock	01/19/2010		G	839	A	\$0	18,844	I	By Spouse
Common Stock	01/19/2010		G	839	D	\$0	1,187	D	
Common Stock	03/05/2010		A	38,249 (2)	A	\$0	39,436 <u>(3)</u>	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Tit	le and	8. Price of	9.
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	unt of	Derivative	D
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Unde	rlying	Security	Se
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	rities	(Instr. 5)	В
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					4, and 5)						
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						Exercisable	Date	Title			
				G 1 17	(A) (B)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FINKE JOHN W 221 EAST HICKORY STREET PO BOX 3248 MANKATO, MN 56002-3248

Chief Executive Officer

Signatures

/s/ David Christensen, Attorney-in-Fact for John W. Finke

03/09/2010

**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).
- Includes shares of stock that were credited to the officer's account under the Company's deferred compensation program in connection with the reinvestment of cash dividends paid on shares of common stock held in the Rabbi Trust through December 31, 2009.
- Restricted Stock Award from the Long-term Executive Incentive Plan; one half vests 30 days after grant and one-half vests one year after **(2)** grant.
- (3) Includes shares of stock acquired under the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan as of December 31, 2009.

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