RUBELI PAUL E

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * RUBELI PAUL E			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AZTAR CORP [AZR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)				
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner				
AZTAR CORPORATION, 2390 E.			12/13/2004	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify				
CAMELBACK RD., SUITE 400		E 400		below) below) Chairman of the Board and CEO				
	(Street)		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				
PHOENIX, AZ 85016				Person				

(City)	(State)	(State) 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired stion(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (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)			
Aztar Common Stock	12/13/2004		Code V	Amount 29,900	(D)	Price \$ 33.9	188,391	D			
Aztar Common Stock	12/13/2004		S	5,000	D	\$ 33.98	183,391	D			
Aztar Common Stock	12/13/2004		S	5,000	D	\$ 34	178,391	D			
Aztar Common	12/13/2004		S	100	D	\$ 34.04	178,291	D			

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12/14/2004	S	9,700	D	\$ 34.05	168,591	D
12/14/2004	S	10,000	D	\$ 34.2	158,591	D
12/14/2004	S	300	D	\$ 34.31	158,291	D
12/14/2004	S	9,200	D	\$ 34.52	149,091	D
12/14/2004	S	3,825	D	\$ 34.57	145,266	D
12/14/2004	S	3,900	D	\$ 34.6	141,366	D
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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 $\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Title Amoun Underly Securiti (Instr. 3	nt of ying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title 1	Amount or Number of Shares	

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

RUBELI PAUL E

AZTAR CORPORATION 2390 E. CAMELBACK RD., SUITE 400

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Chairman of the Board and CEO

Signatures

PHOENIX, AZ 85016

/s/ Paul E. 12/14/2004 Rubeli

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

Date

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