

GIBBONS DAVID T
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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 *
GIBBONS DAVID T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BANTA CORP [BN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
225 MAIN STREET, P. O. BOX 8003

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/27/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

(Street)
MENASHA, WI 54952-8003

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom stock units ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0	04/27/2005	A	522.21					<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Phantom stock units	522.21
Stock Option	\$ 44.5								06/22/2005	12/22/2014	Common Stock	6,000
Stock Option ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 39.62	04/27/2005	A	3,000					10/27/2005	04/27/2015	Common Stock	3,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GIBBONS DAVID T 225 MAIN STREET P. O. BOX 8003 MENASHA, WI 54952-8003	X			

Signatures

Ronald D. Kneezel,
Attorney-in-fact

04/28/2005

 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).
- (3) This security converts on a one-for-one basis.
- (1) Award of phantom stock in partial payment of director compensation.
- (2) The units will be settled in cash following the reporting person's conclusion of service as a director.
- (4) Option granted to reporting person on April 27, 2005 under the Banta Corporation Equity Incentive Plan.

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