FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MICROCHIP TECHNOLOGY INC [MCHP]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
			[mem]	X	Director	10% Owner			
(Last) (First) (Middle)		(Middle)		X	Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)			
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/08/2004		President, CEO, Chairman				
(Street) CHANDLER AZ 85224-6199		85224-6199	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indivi	dual or Joint/Group Filing (Che Form filed by One Reporting Form filed by More than On	g Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)							

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	if any (Month/Day/Year)	Date, Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		(1130.4)
Common Stock	03/08/2004		М		100,000	A	\$4.066	3,151,460	I	Held Directly and Indirectly, by Trust

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. Transac Code (Ir 8)		Dispos	tive	6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/N	ate	7. Title and Am Securities Und Derivative Sec and 4)	erlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$4.066	03/08/2004		М			100,000	07/22/1997	07/22/2004	Common Stock	100,000	\$0	209,375	D	

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

Deborah L. Wussler, as Attorney-

03/10/2004

in-Fact

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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