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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Bjornholt Jame | . 0 | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MICROCHIP TECHNOLOGY INC [MCHP] | (Check | ionship of Reporting Person all applicable) Director Officer (give title | n(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify | | | | | | |
| a la la ran a arren me arni ar a arren ra annon i men | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/04/2012 | X | VP and CFO | | | | | | | |
| (Street) CHANDLER (City) | IANDLER AZ 85224-6199 | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indivi | dual or Joint/Group Filing ((Form filed by One Repor Form filed by More than | ting Person | | | | | | |

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) 2. 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) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|---|---|---------------|----------|--|---|-----------------------------|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 09/04/2012 | | A | | 279(1) | A | \$29.257 | 11,344 | I | Shares held 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number 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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 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 | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Shares were acquired under the Microchip Technology Incorporated 2001 Employee Stock Purchase Plan on September 4, 2012, in an exempt transaction pursuant to Rule 16(b)-3(d), paid for by contributions made during the six month period ended August 31, 2012.

Remarks:

<u>Deborah L. Wussler, as Attorney-in-Fact</u>

09/05/2012

** 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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