ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC

Form 4 March 28, 2006

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

BARKLEY BARRY R

(First) (Middle)

C/O ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC., 8875 AERO DRIVE, #200

(Street)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92123

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC [ECPG]

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

03/27/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

Other (specify

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Applicable Line)

_X__ Director

Officer (give title

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Issuer

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tak	ole I - Non-	-Derivativ	e Seci	ırities Acq	uired, Disposed	of, or Benefic	ially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securion(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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)
Common Stock	03/27/2006		S	5,000	D	\$ 15.11	78,333	I	By Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/27/2006		S	1,000	D	\$ 15.111	77,333	I	By Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/27/2006		S	1,000	D	\$ 15.113	76,333	I	By Barry R. Barkley Trust dated

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								10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/27/2006	S	5,000	D	\$ 15.12	71,333	I	By Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/27/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 15.126	70,333	I	By Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/27/2006	S	1,127	D	\$ 15.13	69,206	I	By Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/27/2006	S	500	D	\$ 15.14	68,706	I	By Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/27/2006	S	100	D	\$ 15.15	68,606	I	By Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/27/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 15.136	67,606	I	By Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/27/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 15.141	66,606	I	By Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998

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 Exercisable and	7. Title and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	orNumber	Expiration Date	Amount of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/Year)	Underlying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative		Securities	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities	S	(Instr. 3 and 4)		Own
	Security				Acquired				Follo
					(A) or				Repo
					Disposed				Trans
					of (D)				(Instr

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(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Date Expiration or Number of Shares

Code V (A) (D)

Exercisable Date

Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BARKLEY BARRY R C/O ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC. 8875 AERO DRIVE, #200 SAN DIEGO, CA 92123

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Signatures

/s/ Daniel Murphy, Attorney-in-Fact for Barry R.
Barkley

03/28/2006

**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).

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