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

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Oaksmith Scott E Issuer Symbol CHOICE HOTELS (Check all applicable) INTERNATIONAL INC /DE [CHH] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 10750 COLUMBIA PIKE 02/08/2009 Controller (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 Person

SILVER	SPRING,	MD	20901

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	y 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. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	02/08/2009		A	3,692	A	\$ 0	11,897	D	
Common Stock	02/09/2009		F	167	D	\$ 26.185	11,730	D	
Common Stock							423	I	401 (k) Plan

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 (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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number out of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	ive Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock (1)	<u>(2)</u>					<u>(3)</u>	(3)	Common Stock	99
Employee Stock Option	\$ 26.88	02/08/2009		A	5,439	<u>(4)</u>	02/08/2016	Common Stock	5,439

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Kelationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	

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10750 COLUMBIA PIKE Controller

SILVER SPRING, MD 20901

Signatures

Sandy Michel, attorney

in fact 02/10/2009

**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).
- (1) Phantom stock holdings represent shares of the issuer's common stock beneficially owned by the reporting person that were previously reported in Table I on the reporting person's previous Forms 4.
- (2) Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of the issuer's common stock.
- (3) Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following termination of the reporting person's employment with the issuer. The reporting person may transfer his phantom stock account into an alternative investment account at any time.
- (4) Options vest in four equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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Reporting Owners 2

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