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FORM 4

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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 *
TUTTLE DONALD S III

(Last) (First) (Middle)
112 BRIDGE STREET
(Street)
NAUGATUCK, CT 06770
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
EASTERN CO [EML]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/12/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 08/12/2008 | | M | V Amount (A) or (D) Price \$ 9.33 | 76,800 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 36,825 | I | Co-trustee u/a 10/27/98 w/Donald S. Tuttle Jr. Revocable Trust |

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. 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Non-qualified stock options (2) | \$ 9.33 | 08/12/2008 | | M | 22,500 | 09/09/1998 10/09/2008 | Common Stock | 22,500 |
| Non-qualified stock options (3) | \$ 10.17 | 12/15/1999 | | A | 0 | 12/15/1999 01/15/2010 | Common Stock | 18,750 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| TUTTLE DONALD S III 112 BRIDGE STREET NAUGATUCK, CT 06770 | | X | | |

Signatures

Donald S. Tuttle III, by Theresa P. Dews his attorney-in-fact 08/13/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) 22,500 shares exercised on August 12, 2008 at \$9.33 per share. The original option on 9/9/1998 was for 10,000 shares at \$21.00 per share. As a result of a 3-for-2 stock split effective 5/28/1999 and a 3-for-2 stock split effective 10/18/2006, this option is now an option for 22,500 shares at \$9.33 per share.

(2) The original option on 9/9/1998 was for 10,000 shares at \$21.00 per share. As a result of a 3-for-2 stock split effective 5/28/1999 and a 3-for-2 stock split effective 10/18/2006, this option is now an option for 22,500 shares at \$9.33 per share. On August 12, 2008, 22,500 shares were exercised at \$9.33, leaving a zero balance.

(3) The original option on 12/15/1999 was for 12,500 shares at \$15.25 per share. As a result of a 3-for-2 stock split effective 10/18/2006 this option is now an option for 18,750 shares at \$10.17 per share.

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