

PENTAIR INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**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)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CATHCART RICHARD J

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
5500 WAYZATA BLVD., SUITE 800  
(Street)

GOLDEN VALLEY, MN 55416-1261

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
PENTAIR INC [PNR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/13/2006

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)  
Vice Chairman

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					135,315	D	
Common Stock - ESPP	03/13/2006		A <sup>(1)</sup>	V 23.08 A \$ 40.6193	5,488.593	D	
Common Stock					1,531.98	I	As Custodian Under UTMA
Common					3,888.7307	I	By ESOP

Stock - (3)  
ESOP

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CATHCART RICHARD J 5500 WAYZATA BLVD. SUITE 800 GOLDEN VALLEY, MN 55416-1261	X		Vice Chairman	

## Signatures

Louis L. Ainsworth,  
Attorney-In-Fact 03/15/2006

\*\*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).
- (1) Purchase of shares under the Pentair, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan in exempt transaction pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).
- (3) End-of-period holdings include ESOP allocation and shares acquired under a dividend reinvestment plan in exempt transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16(a).

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- (2) Shares acquired under this Plan are purchased over a three-day trading period. The price shown is the average purchase price over the trading period.

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