

PIPER JAFFRAY COMPANIES

Form 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 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 *

Â Carter Timothy L
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

800 NICOLLET MALL,Â SUITE 800

(Street)

MINNEAPOLIS,Â MNÂ 55402

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)
 08/11/2006

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 PIPER JAFFRAY COMPANIES [PJC]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	1,742	D	Â
Common Stock	340 ⁽¹⁾	I	By PJC Retirement 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	02/12/2007 ⁽²⁾	02/12/2014	Common Stock	485	\$ 47.3	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	02/22/2008 ⁽³⁾	02/22/2015	Common Stock	290	\$ 39.62	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	02/21/2009 ⁽⁴⁾	02/21/2016	Common Stock	226	\$ 47.85	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Carter Timothy L 800 NICOLLET MALL SUITE 800 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402	Â	Â	Â Chief Accounting Officer	Â

Signatures

/s/ James L. Chosy for Timothy L. Carter 08/15/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Based on a plan report dated July 31, 2006, the most recent plan report available.
- (2) The option vests 100% on February 12, 2007.
- (3) The option vests 100% on February 22, 2008.
- (4) The option vests 100% on February 21, 2009.

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