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## FORM 4

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1(b).

| 1. Name and Addr<br>ALDWORTH | •          | ng Person * | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PROQUEST CO [PQE] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)                             |  |  |
|------------------------------|------------|-------------|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle       |            | (Middle)    | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction                               | (Check an applicable)  |  |  |
| 300 N. ZEEB I                | ROAD       |             | (Month/Day/Year)<br>03/07/2005                                | _X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Chairman, CEO and President    |  |  |
|                              | (Street)   |             | 4. If Amendment, Date Original                                | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  |  |  |
| ANN ARBOR                    | , MI 48103 |             | Filed(Month/Day/Year)   | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |  |

|                                      | - ,                                  |   |   |  |        |             | Person   |  |   |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|--------|-------------|--|--|---|
| (City)                               | (State)                              | (Zip) Tabl  | e I - Non-D                             | erivative S                                | Securi | ities Acqu  | ired, Disposed of  | , or Beneficiall   | y Owned   |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securit<br>on(A) or Dis<br>(Instr. 3, 4 | sposed | of (D)      | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 03/07/2005                           |   | M                                       | 26,047                                     | A      | \$<br>18.31 | 64,831   | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 03/07/2005                           |   | F                                       | 15,319                                     | D      | \$<br>36.62 | 49,512   | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      |                                      |   |   |  |        |             | 53,499   | I (1)  | see<br>footnote   |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)  | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transactio<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of actiorDerivative Securities Acquired 8) (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |        | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amo<br>Underlying Secur<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                        |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|--------|--|--------------------|--|------------------------|
|  |   |                                      |   | Code V                                 | (A)  | (D)    | Date<br>Exercisable                                      | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Am<br>or<br>Nu<br>of S |
| Employee<br>Option to<br>Purchase<br>Common<br>Stock | \$ 18.31  | 03/07/2005                           |   | M                                      |  | 26,047 | 03/05/2004   | 03/05/2009         | Common<br>Stock  | 26                     |
| Employee<br>Option to<br>Purchase<br>Common<br>Stock | \$ 36.62  | 03/07/2005                           |   | A                                      | 15,319   |        | 03/05/2006   | 03/05/2009         | Common<br>Stock  | 15                     |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                             | Relationships |           |                             |       |  |  |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|--|--|
| reporting owner runner runners                             | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |  |  |
| ALDWORTH ALAN W<br>300 N. ZEEB ROAD<br>ANN ARBOR, MI 48103 | X             |           | Chairman, CEO and President |       |  |  |

# **Signatures**

Todd W. Buchardt, Attorney o3/09/2005 in Fact

\*\*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).
- Includes 52,201 shares held indirectly by IRA and Trust Account; 152 shares held indirectly as a result of purchases made pursuant to
- (1) ProQuest Company's 401K Plan; and 1,146 shares held indirectly as a result of purchases made pursuant to ProQuest Company's Associate Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) non-applicable

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