

KERN R. FRANKLIN III  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**KERN R. FRANKLIN III**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORP [IBM]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**10/12/2009**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Senior Vice President**

**IBM CORPORATION, ONE NORTH CASTLE DRIVE**

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**ARMONK, NY 10504**

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |       |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   | (D)                               | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---|--|----|
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| Security<br>(Instr. 3) | or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Code<br>(Instr. 8) | Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and<br>5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | Se<br>(In           |                    |                 |  |
|------------------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------|---|------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|
|                        |   |                         | Code               | V   | (A)              | (D)              | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Rst.<br>Stock<br>Unit  | \$ 0 <u>(1)</u>                                   | 10/12/2009              | M <u>(2)</u>       |   |                  |                  | <u>(1)</u>          | <u>(1)</u>         | Common<br>Stock | 5,000                                  |
| Rst.<br>Stock<br>Unit  | \$ 0 <u>(3)</u>                                   | 10/12/2009              | A <u>(3)</u>       |   |                  |                  | <u>(3)</u>          | <u>(3)</u>         | Common<br>Stock | 5,000                                  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| KERN R. FRANKLIN III<br>IBM CORPORATION<br>ONE NORTH CASTLE DRIVE<br>ARMONK, NY 10504 |               |           | Senior<br>Vice<br>President |       |

## Signatures

D. Cummins on behalf of R. F.  
Kern III

10/13/2009

\_\_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) These units were payable in cash or the company's common stock upon the lapse of the restrictions on the transaction date shown.

(2) Release of restricted stock units.

(3) These units have been deferred and are payable in the company's common stock upon the lapse of the restrictions after retirement.

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