PERRI JOHN T Form 4

December 13, 2005

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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 *

PERRI JOHN T

(Last) (First) (Middle)

875 PROSPECT STREET, SUITE

301

(Street)

(City)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

PICO HOLDINGS INC /NEW [PICO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/12/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

5. Amount of

Securities

Owned

Beneficially

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

below)

Director

Applicable Line)

X_ Officer (give title

LA JOLLA, CA 92037-4264

(State)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 1. Title of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Following Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 Security

Conversion

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

5. Number of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Vice President, Controller

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(I)

(Instr. 4)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

10% Owner Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership (Instr. 4)

Indirect

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

Estimated average

burden hours per

7. Title and A Underlying S

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any

| | Price of Derivative Security | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8 | or Dispos (D) | (Instr. 3, 4, | | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|------------------|-----------|------------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------|
| | | | | Code ' | V (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHTS | \$ 33.76 | 12/12/2005 | | A | 30,000 | | 12/12/2005 | 12/12/2015 | COMMON |

Code

Securities

(Month/Day/Year)

(Instr. 3 and

Reporting Owners

or Exercise

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |

PERRI JOHN T 875 PROSPECT STREET SUITE 301 LA JOLLA, CA 92037-4264

Vice President, Controller

Signatures

(Instr. 3)

John T. Perri by James F. Mosier per Power of Attorney dated July 2, 2003.

**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).

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