

AMERUS GROUP CO/IA  
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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 \*  
WITTERN F A JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

699 WALNUT STREET, SUITE 2000

(Street)

DES MOINES, IA 50309

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AMERUS GROUP CO/IA [AMH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/15/2006

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)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	11/15/2006	11/15/2006	D	9,314	D \$ 69 0	D	
Common Stock	11/15/2006	11/15/2006	D	500	D \$ 69 0	I	By Spouse

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.25	11/15/2006	11/15/2006	D	2,500	<u>(1)</u> 01/02/2011	Common Stock	2,500
Non-Qualified Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 36.05	11/15/2006	11/15/2006	D	3,500	<u>(1)</u> 01/02/2012	Common Stock	3,500
Non-Qualified Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.25	11/15/2006	11/15/2006	D	3,500	<u>(1)</u> 01/02/2013	Common Stock	3,500
Non-Qualified Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 35.8	11/15/2006	11/15/2006	D	3,500	<u>(1)</u> 01/02/2014	Common Stock	3,500
Non-Qualified Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 44.55	11/15/2006	11/15/2006	D	3,500	<u>(1)</u> 01/03/2015	Common Stock	3,500
Non-Qualified Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 56.61	11/15/2006	11/15/2006	D	3,500	<u>(1)</u> 01/03/2016	Common Stock	3,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WITTERN F A JR 699 WALNUT STREET SUITE 2000 DES MOINES, IA 50309	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Jeananne M. Celander, Attorney-in-fact for Mr.  
Wittern

11/15/2006

\_\_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) This option was vested immediately and was disposed of pursuant to the merger agreement between the issuer and Aviva plc for the price reflected in column 8.

### Remarks:

AmerUs Group Co. (NYSE: AMH) was merged into an acquisition subsidiary of Aviva plc on 11/15/2006. This form reports

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