

Morningstar, Inc.  
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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 \*  
Kirscher Elizabeth

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O MORNINGSTAR, INC., 225  
WEST WACKER DRIVE

(Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60606

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Morningstar, Inc. [MORN]

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

07/19/2006

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)

Pres., Data Services Business

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	07/19/2006		M		2,586 A \$ 2	9,679	D
Common Stock	07/19/2006		M		17,574 A \$ 2.77	27,253	D
Common Stock	07/19/2006		M		2,106 A \$ 10.98	29,359	D

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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2	07/19/2006		M		2,586		<u>(1)</u>	06/30/2007	Common Stock	2,586
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.77	07/19/2006		M		1,290		<u>(2)</u>	06/30/2008	Common Stock	1,290
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.77	07/19/2006		M		1,284		<u>(3)</u>	12/01/2008	Common Stock	1,284
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.77	07/19/2006		M		15,000		<u>(4)</u>	12/31/2008	Common Stock	15,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.98	07/19/2006		M		1,095		<u>(5)</u>	06/30/2009	Common Stock	1,095
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.98	07/19/2006		M		1,011		<u>(6)</u>	12/01/2009	Common Stock	1,011

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Kirscher Elizabeth C/O MORNINGSTAR, INC. 225 WEST WACKER DRIVE CHICAGO, IL 60606			Pres., Data Services Business	

## Signatures

/s/ Rachel Felsenthal, by power of attorney

07/20/2006

\_\_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) The options became exercisable in five equal installments on June 30, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002.
- (2) The options became exercisable in five equal installments on June 30, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003.
- (3) The options became exercisable in five equal installments on December 1, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003.
- (4) The options became exercisable in five equal installments on December 31, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003.
- (5) The options became exercisable in five equal installments on June 30, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004.
- (6) The options became exercisable in five equal installments on December 1, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004.

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