GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO
Form 4
May 19, 2008

FORM 4

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

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

OMB APPROVAL

OMB Number:	3235-0287
Expires:	January 31, 2005
Estimated average burden hours per response...	0.5

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. *See* Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MCGURN DAVID E JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO., TWO PIERCE PLACE

(Street)

ITASCA, IL 60143

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO [AJG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/15/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Vice President

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	05/15/2008		M		10,000	A	$ 9.25	142,283	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2008		S		10,000	D	$ 26.184	132,283	D	
Common Stock								2,267	I	by Son
Common Stock								4,534	I	by Spouse (1)
Common Stock								57,338	I	by Trust

Common Stock (restricted)						2,753	D				

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

SEC 1474 (9-02)

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
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	$ 9.25	05/15/2008		M			10,000	(2)	08/30/2008	Common Stock	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	$ 18.5							(2)	06/20/2010	Common Stock	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	$ 22.7							(2)	07/21/2012	Common Stock	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	$ 23.76							(3)	03/05/2018	Common Stock	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	$ 24.9							01/01/2004 (2)	07/16/2013	Common Stock	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	$ 26.5							(2)	07/19/2011	Common Stock	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	$ 27.25							(2)	07/20/2015	Common Stock	
Non-Qualified Stock Option	$ 28.65							(3)	05/15/2017	Common Stock	

(right to buy)						
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	$ 29.42			(2)	07/21/2014	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCGURN DAVID E JR ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO. TWO PIERCE PLACE ITASCA, IL 60143			Vice President	

Signatures

David E. McGurn, Jr.	05/19/2008
**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) Held by spouse as custodian for benefit of children under the Uniform Gift to Minors Act.

(2) The stock option becomes exercisable 10% each year, commencing January 1 after the date of grant.

(3) The stock option becomes exercisable 20% each year on the anniversary of the grant date.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.
Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.