FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* NAZEM FRED F | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HOUSTON OPERATING CO [HOOC] | | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director X 10% Owner | | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----------|--|---------------|---------|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| | | CORPORATION | | 200 | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/28/2004 | | | | | | | | | | | Office | er (give title v) | | Other (below) | (specify |
| 67 FEDERAL ROAD, BUILDING A, SUITE 300 (Street) BROOKFIELD CT 06804 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | |
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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D | | | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, | | te, | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, | | | | nd S | Amo ecuri enefi wneo | ount of ties cially d Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | | | | Code | v | | | (A) or (D) | Pric | _ т | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (Instr. 4) | | | |
| COMMON STOCK 12 | | | | 12/28/ | 2004 | | | | G | | 22,000 | | D | (| 2) | 8,218,265 | | D | | |
| COMMON STOCK 12/28/ | | | | 2004 | | G | | 22,000 | | D | (| 2) | 8,196,265 | | | D | | | | |
| COMMON STOCK 12/28/ | | | | 2004 | | G | | 22,000(1) | | D | (| 2) | 8,174,265 | | D | | | | | |
| COMMON STOCK 12/28/ | | | | | 2004 | | | | G 22,000 ⁽¹⁾ D | | (| 2) 8,152,265 | | 52,265 | D | | | | | |
| | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deem Execution if any (Month/Da | n Date, Transad Code (li | | or. Of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Date E Expiratio Month/D | n Date | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) | | ount | 8. Price Derivat Securit (Instr. ! | ive | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | F I | LO. Dwnership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Disposition by spouse, Susie Nazem, who owns the shares as a Joint Tenant.
- 2. Gift.

/s/ FRED NAZEM

12/29/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- * 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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