

SARACINO SAMUEL F  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 SARACINO SAMUEL F

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 9911 WILLOWS ROAD N.E.  
 (Street)

REDMOND, WA 98052

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AVOCENT CORP [AVCT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/11/2009

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)  
 Exec VP of Legal and Corp

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)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/11/2009		U	76,591 (1)	D \$ 25 0	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)**

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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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4)
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 21.77	12/11/2009		U	76	04/15/2002 04/15/2012	Common Stock
Performance-Share Award with Market Conditions	\$ 0	12/11/2009		U	9,629	(2) 02/19/2018	Common Stock
Performance-share award with Market Conditions	\$ 0	12/11/2009		U	35,156	(2) 06/26/2019	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SARACINO SAMUEL F 9911 WILLOWS ROAD N.E. REDMOND, WA 98052			Exec VP of Legal and Corp	

## Signatures

Richard K. Hempstead Attorney-in-Fact for Samuel F. Saracino  
 Date: 12/15/2009

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

## 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) Includes 39,646 common shares and 36,945 restricted stock units that were disposed of and/or converted into Emerson Electric Co. restricted stock units on December 11, 2009, the Acceptance Date of the Emerson tender offer.
- (2) Became exercisable on December 11, 2009, the Acceptance Date of the Emerson tender offer.

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