

Kirscher Elizabeth  
 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 \*  
 Kirscher Elizabeth

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O MORNINGSTAR, INC., 22  
 WEST WASHINGTON STREET

(Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60602

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/15/2010

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 Division

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	12/15/2010		M	A	3,000	\$ 14.13	47,954	D
Common Stock	12/15/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>	D	3,000	\$ 52.174 <sup>(3)</sup>	44,954	D
Common Stock	12/16/2010		M	A	3,000	\$ 14.13	47,954	D
Common Stock	12/16/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>	D	3,000	\$ 51.8662 <sup>(4)</sup>	44,954	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.13	12/15/2010		M	3,000	<u>(2)</u> 05/01/2011	Common Stock	3,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.13	12/16/2010		M	3,000	<u>(2)</u> 05/01/2011	Common Stock	3,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Kirscher Elizabeth C/O MORNINGSTAR, INC. 22 WEST WASHINGTON STREET CHICAGO, IL 60602			Pres., Data Division	

## Signatures

/s/ Heidi Miller, by power of attorney  
Date: 12/17/2010

\_\_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 sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on November 23, 2009.
- (2) The options became exercisable in 4 equal installments on May 1, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005.

The transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$51.76 to \$52.54. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, Morningstar or a shareholder of Morningstar full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

- (3) The transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$51.54 to \$52.44. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, Morningstar or a shareholder of Morningstar full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- (4) The transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$51.54 to \$52.44. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, Morningstar or a shareholder of Morningstar full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

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