

Phillips Donald James II
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Phillips Donald James II

(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)
 01/03/2012

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)

President, Fund Research

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

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				
				Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/03/2012		M		1,578	A		\$ 24.3327	263,270	D	
								(2)			
Common Stock	01/03/2012		S(1)		1,578	D		\$ 60.0404	261,692	D	
								(3)			
Common Stock									70,738	I	By GRAT

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)	\$ 24.3327 (2)	01/03/2012		M	1,578	(4) 05/02/2015	Common Stock	1,578

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Phillips Donald James II C/O MORNINGSTAR, INC. 22 WEST WASHINGTON STREET CHICAGO, IL 60602	X		President, Fund Research	

Signatures

/s/ Heidi Miller, by power of attorney
01/04/2012

**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 March 11, 2011.
- (2) The exercise price increases over the term of the option at a rate equal to the 10-year Treasury bond yield as of the date of grant (\$18.50). On January 3, 2012, the exercise price was \$24.3327.
- (3) The transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$60.00 to \$60.12. 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

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Morningstar full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

- (4) The options became exercisable in 4 equal installments on May 2, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009.

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