

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <b>Root, Eric D.</b>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  <b>Erie Indemnity Company ERIE</b>	4. Statement for (Month/Year)  <b>October 1, 2002</b>	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  _____ Director _____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer _____ Other
PO Box 28120 (Last) (First) (Middle)			Officer/Other Description <b>Regional Vice President</b>
(Street) <b>Richmond, VA 23228-0120</b>	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual Filing <input type="checkbox"/> Joint/Group Filing
(City) (State) (Zip)			

Table 1 - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned						
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code and Voluntary Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) Of (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (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/D   Price			
Class A Common Stock	10/01/2002	J (I)	12.2353   A	783.2966	D	

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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)	4. Transaction Code and Voluntary (V) Code (Instr.8)  Code   V	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) Of  (Instr. 3,4 and 5)	6. Date Exercisable(DE) and Expiration Date(ED) (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr.5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr.4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr.4)
					(DE)         (ED)					

**\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.**  
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

/s/ Eric D. Root

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

10-02-2002

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Date

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<p align="center"><b>FOOTNOTE Descriptions for Erie Indemnity Company ERIE</b></p>		<p align="right">Form 4 - October 2002</p>
<p>Eric D. Root PO Box 28120  Richmond, VA 23228-0120</p>		
<p>Explanation of responses:</p>		
<p>(1) Participant directed transaction under 401(k) Plan</p>		