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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>HIRT F WILLIAM</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>3270 KINGSTON COURT</u>  (Street) <u>ERIE</u> <u>PA</u> <u>16506</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ERIE INDEMNITY CO</u> [ <u>ERIE</u> ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)  <u>Chairman of the Board</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/21/2004</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  <input type="checkbox"/> 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock								888,260	D	
Class A Common Stock								11,830,000	I	Family Partnership

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Directors' Deferred Compensation Phantom Units	\$0.0000	01/21/2004		J <sup>(1)</sup>		6.368		(2)	(3)	Class A Common Stock	6.368	\$0	926.0111	D	
Class B Common Stock	\$0.0000 <sup>(4)</sup>							(2)	(3)	Class A Common Stock	48,000		20	D	
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Explanation of Responses:

1. Acquired under dividend reinvestment for Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan
2. The shares subject to this reporting are phantom Share Credits which are periodically credited to the accounts of certain Directors of Erie Indemnity Company pursuant to its Outside Directors Stock Plan. These Credit Shares are actually paid to the reporting individual in shares of Erie Indemnity Company Class A Common Stock when their service as a Director of Erie Indemnity Company ends. There is no exercisable date for these securities.
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4. Market value at the date of conversion at the rate of 2,400 shares of Class A for each share of Class B.

Remarks:

By: Linda A. Etter, Power of Attorney 01/22/2004  
\*\* 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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