

FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

Petersen, John M.

124 Voyageur Drive

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

Erie, PA 16505

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Erie Indemnity Company ERIE

3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)

4. Statement for (Month/Year)

October 21, 2002

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

X Director 10% Owner

Officer Other

Officers/Other Description

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

X Individual Filing

Joint/Group Filing

Table I - 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				1,940,037.0000	D	
Class A Common Stock				120,000.0000	I	By Spouse
Class A Common Stock				200,000.0000	I	Petersen Family Limited Partnership

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).

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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)	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)
			Code V		(DE) (ED)					
Directors' Deferred Compensation Phantom Units	\$0.0000	10/21/2002	J (1)	(A) 2.3172		Class A Common Stock - 2.3172		145.5338	D	
Class B Common Stock	Current market					Class A Common Stock - 2,400.0000		1.0000	D	

Explanation of Responses :

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

/s/ John M. Petersen
** Signature of Reporting Person
10-21-2002
Date

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FOOTNOTE Descriptions for Erie Indemnity Company ERIE

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Explanation of responses:

(1) Acquired under dividend reinvestment for Directors' Compensation Plan