Nelson John R. Form 4 November 17, 2009

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Nelson John R.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

ALTRIA GROUP, INC. [MO]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

11/13/2009

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

6601 WEST BROAD STREET

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

EVP & Chief Technology Officer

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

RICHMOND, VA 23230

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | le I - Non-l | Derivative | Secur | ities Acqui | red, Disposed of, | or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---------|--------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3, 4 | ed of (| ` ′ | 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) |
| Common Stock | 11/13/2009 | | M | 33,542 | A | \$ 11.653 | 340,829 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/13/2009 | | F | 25,953 | D | \$ 19.15 | 314,923 <u>(1)</u> | 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative 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) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--------|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 11.653 | 11/13/2009 | | M | | 33,542 | 11/14/2001 | 01/26/2010 | Common Stock | 33,542 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Nelson John R.

6601 WEST BROAD STREET EVP & Chief Technology Officer

RICHMOND, VA 23230

Signatures

W. Hildebrandt Surgner, Jr. for John R. Nelson

**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).

Includes 126,680 shares of Restricted Stock and 58,221 shares of Deferred Stock. Total also includes 1,248 shares held jointly with wife

(1) in the Altria Employee Stock Purchase Plan, including 47 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends since May 29, 2009, the date of the last reportable transaction.

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