

PICO HOLDINGS INC /NEW  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HART JOHN R**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**875 PROSPECT STREET, SUITE 301**

(Street)

**LA JOLLA, CA 92037-4264**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**PICO HOLDINGS INC /NEW [PICO]**

3. Statement of Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/31/2008**

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 and CEO**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Amount Price   |  |  |   |
| COMMON                          | Â                                    | Â  | Â                              | Â Â   | 22,798.16  | I  | BY 401(k) PLAN  |
| COMMON                          | Â                                    | Â  | Â                              | Â Â   | 833,333  | I  | LIMITED PARTERSHIP (1)                                |

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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Stock Appreciation Rights                  | \$ 33.76   | Â                                    | Â  | Â                              | Â Â   | 12/12/2005 12/12/2015                                    | COMMON 838  |
| Stock Appreciation Rights                  | \$ 42.71   | Â                                    | Â  | Â                              | Â Â Â <sup>(2)</sup>  | 08/02/2017   | COMMON 419  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                     |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer             | Other |
| HART JOHN R<br>875 PROSPECT STREET<br>SUITE 301<br>LA JOLLA, CA 92037-4264 | Â X           | Â         | Â President and CEO | Â     |

## Signatures

John R. Hart by James F. Mosier per Power of Attorney dated January 28, 2008. 02/10/2009

\_\_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) (1) Mr. Hart shares voting power over 833,333 shares which are owned by a limited partnership.

(2) (2) One-third of these stock appreciation rights were exercisable on August 2, 2007, another one-third were exercisable as of August 2, 2008, and the remaining one-third will be exercisable on August 2, 2009.

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