

APPLETON DOUGLAS S
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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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
APPLETON DOUGLAS S

(Last) (First) (Middle)
825 BATTERY ST.
(Street)

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MARKETWATCH INC [MKTW]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/26/2004

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)
General Counsel & Secretary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 11/29/2004 | | M | | 21,333 | A | \$ 6.35 |
| Common Stock | 11/29/2004 | | S | | 21,333 | D | \$ 18.003 |
| Common Stock | 11/29/2004 | | M | | 16,666 | A | \$ 8.51 |
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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 6.35 | 11/29/2004 | | M | 21,333 | (1) 03/17/2013 | Common Stock | 21,333 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 8.51 | 11/29/2004 | | M | 16,666 | (2) 11/14/2013 | Common Stock | 16,666 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| APPLETON DOUGLAS S 825 BATTERY ST. SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111 | | | General Counsel & Secretary | |

Signatures

Douglas Appleton 11/30/2004

__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) Option to purchase 100,000 shares of common stock granted on March 17, 2003. Becomes exercisable as to 1/3 of the shares on each of 3/17/04, 3/17/05 and 3/17/06.
- (2) Option to purchase 50,000 shares of common stock granted on November 14, 2003. Becomes exercisable with respect to 1/3 of the shares as of each of November 14, 2004, November 14, 2005 and November 14, 2006.

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