#### MEDIA GENERAL INC

Form 4

January 03, 2008

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* RANKIN THOMPSON L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

MEDIA GENERAL INC [MEG]

12/31/2007

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Street)

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

X\_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

333 EAST FRANKLIN ST

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

below)

RICHMOND, VA 23219

(City)

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

(State) (Zip)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Price 4 Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Derivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired

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	Derivative Security			(A) or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3 and 5)						
			Code	V (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock (1)	\$ 0	12/31/2007	A	1,438		(2)	(2)	Class A Common Stock	1,438	\$ 21
Phantom Stock (4)	\$ 0	12/31/2007	A	161		(2)	(2)	Class A Common Stock	161	\$ 22.

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
RANKIN THOMPSON L							
333 EAST FRANKLIN ST	X						
RICHMOND, VA 23219							

# **Signatures**

/s/ Thompson L. Rankin, by George L. Mahoney, Attorney-in-fact

01/03/2008

\*\*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) Reports quarterly allocations under the Company deferred compensation plan for outside directors fees.
- (2) Exercisable upon retirement of director.
- (3) Additionally, 1,200 non-derivative Class A common shares are held directly.
- (4) Reports quarterly allocations under the Company deferred compensation plan for automatic reinvestment of quarterly dividends on the units.

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