

NICHOLS MICHAEL C  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
NICHOLS MICHAEL C

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1390 ENCLAVE PARKWAY  
(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77077-2099

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SYSCO CORP [SYY]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/17/2004

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)  
VP,Gen Counsel,Corp Secretary

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

| 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/17/2004                           |  | M                              | 2,700 A \$ 7.1875   | 33,355.5691   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/17/2004                           |  | F                              | 522 D \$ 37.11  | 32,833.5691   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 434.4361  | I  | Children  |

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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) - Date Granted 8/31/95 | \$ 7.1875  | 12/17/2004                           |  | M                              | 2,700   | <u>(1)</u> 08/31/2005                                    | Common Stock  | 2,700                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                      | Relationships |           |                                 |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                         | Other |
| NICHOLS MICHAEL C<br>1390 ENCLAVE PARKWAY<br>HOUSTON, TX 77077-2099 |               |           | VP, Gen Counsel, Corp Secretary |       |

## Signatures

Michael C. Nichols  
12/17/2004  
Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## 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) Grants are made annually with exercises not permitted prior to the first anniversary of the grant. If certain performance criteria are met, one-third (1/3) of the shares covered by the grant vest on the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant.

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