

HICKORY TECH CORP

Form 4

September 06, 2006

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
FINKE JOHN W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**221 EAST HICKORY STREET, PO
BOX 3248**

(Street)

MANKATO, MN 56002-3248

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
HICKORY TECH CORP [HTCO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
09/01/2006

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) below)

Chief Executive Officer

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	(D)	Price
Common Stock					9,094 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock					9,309 ⁽²⁾	I	By Rabbi Trust

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)
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Option Right to Buy	\$ 6.95	09/01/2006		A	15,000	09/01/2007 ⁽³⁾ 09/01/2016	Common Stock 15,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
FINKE JOHN W 221 EAST HICKORY STREET PO BOX 3248 MANKATO, MN 56002-3248	Chief Executive Officer

Signatures

/s/ David Christensen, as
Attorney-in-Fact 09/06/2006

__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) Includes shares of stock acquired under the Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan and the Company's Employee Stock Purchase plan as of September 1, 2006.
- (2) Includes shares of stock that were credited to the officer's account under the Company's deferred compensation program in connection with the reinvestment of cash dividends paid on shares of common stock held in the Rabbie Trust through September 1, 2006.
- (3) Vest in cumulative annual installments of 33% one year from date of grant, beginning this date.

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