MEDIA GENERAL INC

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SECURITIES

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MAHONEY GEORGE L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

MEDIA GENERAL INC [MEG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

09/02/2008

X_ Officer (give title

Director

Other (specify

10% Owner

below)

VP and General Counsel

333 EAST FRANKLIN ST

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

RICHMOND, VA 23219

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Code (Instr. 8)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s)

(A) 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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Security

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Secu Acq (A)	urities uired or oosed O) er. 3,					(Instr. 5)
			Code V	/ (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock (1)	\$ 0	09/02/2008	A	99		(2)	(2)	Class A Common Stock	99	\$ 0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MAHONEY GEORGE L			VP and				
333 EAST FRANKLIN ST			General				
RICHMOND, VA 23219			Counsel				

Signatures

/s/ George L.

Mahoney

**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) Units acquired under Company deferred compensation plan, final balance of which is distributed upon employee's termination of service.
- (2) Upon retirement, employee has several options as to the timing of payout.
- (3) Additionally, 45,866 non-derivative Class A common shares are held directly.

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