

CROMIE SCOTT J
Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CROMIE SCOTT J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SERVICEMASTER CO [SVM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
3250 LACEY ROAD, SUITE 600

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/24/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
AHS - PRESIDENT

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

DOWNERS
GROVE, IL 60515-1700

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 \$.01 par value | 08/24/2005 | | M | 30,375 A \$ 9.2593 | 98,506 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common stock \$.01 par value | 08/24/2005 | | S | 30,375 D \$ 13.6408 | 68,131 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common stock \$.01 par value | | | | | 4,120 ⁽²⁾ | I | 401(k) plan |
| Common | | | | | 9,280 | I | by spouse |

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| stock \$.01 par value | | | | | | |
| Common stock \$.01 par value | | | | 1,041 ⁽³⁾ | I | Deferred Comp |
| Common stock \$.01 par value | | | | 880 | I | Cust. for children |
| Common stock \$.01 par value | | | | 160 | I | Cust. for nephew |

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|--------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | |
| 1997 Option Plan (Right to Buy) | \$ 11.2222 | | | | | 02/13/1998 | 02/12/2007 | Common stock \$.01 par value | 36,000 |
| 1998 Empl. Stock Option(Right to Buy) | \$ 11.5 | | | | | 12/10/2000 | 12/31/2009 | Common stock \$.01 par value | 36,500 |
| 1998 Empl. Stock Option(Right to Buy) | \$ 18.075 | | | | | 01/29/2000 | 01/28/2009 | Common stock \$.01 par value | 25,000 |
| 1998 Empl. Stock Option(Right | \$ 18.075 | | | | | 01/29/2000 | 01/15/2014 | Common stock \$.01 par | 21,000 |

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| to Buy) | | | | | | | | value | |
| 1998 Empl. Stock Option(Right to Buy) | \$ 18.2583 | | | | | 02/16/1999 | 02/15/2008 | Common stock \$.01 par value | 27,0 |
| 10+ Option Share Plan (Right to Buy) | \$ 9.2593 | 08/24/2005 | | M | 30,375 | 02/16/1997 | 02/15/2006 | Common stock \$.01 par value | 30,3 |
| WSH Empl. Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 13.87 | | | | | 05/04/2000 | 05/03/2006 | Common stock \$.01 par value | 1,0 |
| 2000 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 8.75 | | | | | 08/08/2001 | 08/07/2007 | Common stock \$.01 par value | 40,0 |
| 2000 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 9.88 | | | | | 03/18/2004 | 03/17/2013 | Common stock \$.01 par value | 30,0 |
| 2000 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 10.3 | | | | | 12/18/2003 | 12/17/2009 | Common stock \$.01 par value | 45,0 |
| 2000 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 10.52 | | | | | 03/16/2002 | 03/15/2008 | Common stock \$.01 par value | 50,0 |
| 2000 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 13.83 | | | | | 02/08/2003 | 02/07/2009 | Common stock \$.01 par value | 35,0 |
| 2003 EIP Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 10.73 | | | | | 02/13/2005 | 02/12/2014 | Common Stock | 25,0 |
| 2003 EIP Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 13.44 | | | | | 02/11/2006 | 02/10/2015 | Common Stock | 32,5 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CROMIE SCOTT J 3250 LACEY ROAD, SUITE 600 DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515-1700 | | | AHS - PRESIDENT | |

Signatures

Sandra L. Groman by power of attorney
08/26/2005

__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 78 shares purchased through the ServiceMaster Employee Share Purchase Plan during the months of April through June 2005.
- (2) Includes 34 shares purchased through the ServiceMaster Profit Sharing and Retirement Plan during the month of May 2005.
- (3) Includes 16 shares purchased through the dividend reinvestment feature of the Deferred Compensation Plan in February and May 2005.

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