

DUN &amp; BRADSTREET CORP/NW

Form 4

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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 \*  
PELSON VICTOR A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

DUN & BRADSTREET CORP/NW  
[DNB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

103 JFK PARKWAY

(Street)

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

03/17/2008

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

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

SHORT HILLS, NJ 07078

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 03/17/2008                              |   | A                                    | (A)<br>or<br>(D)<br>Amount<br>(1)<br>39.8<br>\$<br>80.375           | 15,988   | D  |   |

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)**

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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)           | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |     | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                    |                 |                                     |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|-----|---|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
|   |   |   |   | Code                                    | V  | (A)  | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable   | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Phantom Stock<br>Units -<br>Deferred<br>Compensation<br>(2)   | (3)   | 03/17/2008                              |   | A                                       |  | 17.143<br>(2)  |     | (4)   | (5)                | Common<br>Stock | 17.143<br>(2)                       |
| Phantom Stock<br>Units -<br>Deferred<br>Performance<br>Shares | (6)   | 03/17/2008                              |   | A                                       |  | 1.0105   |     | (7)   | (7)                | Common<br>Stock | 1.0105                              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PELSON VICTOR A<br>103 JFK PARKWAY<br>SHORT HILLS, NJ 07078 |               |           | X       |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Christine Cappuccia for Victor A.  
Pelson 03/19/2008

\_\_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) Acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the issuer's non-employee directors' stock incentive plan in connection with restricted stock units held by the reporting person.
- (2) Phantom stock is reported in units vs. shares in the D&B Common Stock Fund of the issuer's non-employee directors' deferred compensation plan (the "Plan").  
  
Each phantom stock unit entitles the reporting person to a cash payment based on the value on the payout date of the issuer's common stock corresponding to such units. Based on the \$81.02 closing price of the issuer's common stock on the transaction date, each unit corresponds to approximately 2.68 shares.
- (3) The reporting person may transfer these phantom stock units to alternative investment funds in the Plan.
- (5) These phantom stock units are payable in cash after the reporting person ceases to be a member of the issuer's board of directors.

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- (6) Each phantom stock unit represents the right to receive one share of the issuer's common stock.
- (7) These phantom stock units are payable in shares after the reporting person ceases to be a member of the issuer's board of directors.

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