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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading SPECTER ERIC M Issuer Symbol CHARMING SHOPPES INC (Check all applicable) [CHRS] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 450 WINKS LANE 04/05/2010 EVP - Chief Financial Officer (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting BENSALEM, PA 19020 Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) any Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount (D) Price Common \$0 217,251 04/05/2010 A 18.822 D Stock (1) (1)

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 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 on 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 Amo Underlying Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Ar or Nu of
Stock Appreciation Right (right to buy) (2)	\$ 5.18	04/05/2010		A	54,556	04/05/2011(3)	04/04/2017	Common Stock	5⁴

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SPECTER ERIC M 450 WINKS LANE BENSALEM, PA 19020

EVP - Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

ERIC M SPECTER 04/05/2010

**Signature of Date
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) Employee award of restricted stock units granted under Charming Shoppes, Inc. 2004 Stock Award and Incentive Plan, for no consideration other than services, in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(d).
- (2) Stock appreciation rights ("SAR") exercisable for stock, granted for no consideration other than services. The grant is exempt under Rule 16b-3(d).
- The SAR will become exercisable as to twenty-five (25%) percent of the underlying shares on each of the the first, second, third and (3) fourth anniversaries of the date of grant (Transaction Date), subject to acceleration and early expiration in the event of certain terminations of employment.

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