

MERCURY GENERAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
May 16, 2005

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 11, 2005**

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**MERCURY GENERAL CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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**California**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-12257**  
(Commission File Number)

**95-221-1612**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**4484 Wilshire Boulevard**  
**Los Angeles, California 90010**

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(323) 937-1060

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 1.01. Entry Into Material Definitive Agreement**

At the 2005 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Mercury General Corporation (the Company ) held on May 11, 2005, the shareholders of the Company approved the Mercury General Corporation 2005 Equity Incentive Award Plan (the 2005 Equity Incentive Plan ). A description of the material terms of the 2005 Equity Incentive Plan was included in, and a copy of the 2005 Equity Incentive Plan was attached to, the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 5, 2005. The 2005 Equity Incentive Plan is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto, and is incorporated herein by reference. The form of Incentive Stock Option Agreement for grants of incentive stock options under the 2005 Equity Incentive Plan is filed as Exhibit 99.2 hereto, and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Mercury General Corporation 2005 Equity Incentive Award Plan (incorporated herein by reference to the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A (File No. 001-12257) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 5, 2005).
99.2	Incentive Stock Option Agreement under the Mercury General Corporation 2005 Equity Incentive Award Plan.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 12, 2005

**MERCURY GENERAL CORPORATION**

By: /s/ THEODORE STALICK

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Name: Theodore Stalick  
Its: Chief Financial Officer

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