

WHITTAKER FRANK R J
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FORM 4

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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 *
WHITTAKER FRANK R J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MCCLATCHY CO [MNI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2100 Q STREET

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/15/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
VP-Operations

SACRAMENTO, CA 95816

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number of Shares
Employee Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 3.42	12/15/2009	A	120,000					(1)	12/15/2019	Class A Common Stock	120,000
Employee Restricted Stock Units	(3)	12/15/2009	A	80,000					(4)	(4)	Class A Common Stock	80,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WHITTAKER FRANK R J 2100 Q STREET SACRAMENTO, CA 95816			VP-Operations	

Signatures

/s/ Frank Whittaker 12/15/2009

**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) The stock appreciation rights provide for vesting in four equal installments beginning on March 1, 2011.
- (2) Stock appreciation rights granted pursuant to The McClatchy Company 2004 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of McClatchy Class A Common Stock.
- (4) The restricted stock units vest on Marh 1, 2012.
- (5) Restricted stock units granted pursuant to The McClatchy Company 2004 Stock Incentive Plan.

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