

HICKORY TECH CORP  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
FINKE JOHN W

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
221 EAST HICKORY STREET, PO BOX 3248  
(Street)

MANKATO, MN 56002-3248

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
HICKORY TECH CORP [HTCO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/01/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chief Executive Officer

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

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D) Price                                                  |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 9,094 <sup>(1)</sup>                                                                          | D                                                        |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 9,309 <sup>(2)</sup>                                                                          | I                                                        | By Rabbi Trust                    |

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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Option Right to Buy                        | \$ 6.95                                                | 09/01/2006                           |                                                    | A                              | 15,000                                                                                  | 09/01/2007 <sup>(3)</sup> 09/01/2016                     | Common Stock 15,000                                           |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                   | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|                                                                                  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| FINKE JOHN W<br>221 EAST HICKORY STREET<br>PO BOX 3248<br>MANKATO, MN 56002-3248 |               |           | Chief Executive Officer |       |

## Signatures

/s/ David Christensen, as Attorney-in-Fact  
Date: 09/06/2006

\*\*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 shares of stock acquired under the Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan and the Company's Employee Stock Purchase plan as of September 1, 2006.
- (2) Includes shares of stock that were credited to the officer's account under the Company's deferred compensation program in connection with the reinvestment of cash dividends paid on shares of common stock held in the Rabbie Trust through September 1, 2006.
- (3) Vest in cumulative annual installments of 33% one year from date of grant, beginning this date.

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