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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

1700 GREENBRIAR LANE

Person *

À Houlihan Robert

(Last)

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

12/17/2007

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

MERCURY GENERAL CORP [MCY]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

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

Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

BREA, CAÂ 92821

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership

Form: Direct (D)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of 4. 5. Ownership (Instr. 4) **Expiration Date** Securities Underlying Conversion (Month/Day/Year) **Derivative Security** or Exercise Form of (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative Derivative Security: Expiration Date Security Direct (D)

Date Amount or or Indirect Title Number of (I) Shares

(Instr. 5)

6. Nature of Indirect

Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address Director 10% Owner Officer Other Houlihan Robert

1700 GREENBRIAR LANE Vice President Â BREA, CAÂ 92821

Signatures

Judy Walters, Attorney-In-Fact for Robert 01/17/2008 Houlihan

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

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