

ALTRIA GROUP, INC.
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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 *
FARRELL THOMAS F II

(Last) (First) (Middle)

6601 WEST BROAD STREET

(Street)

RICHMOND, VA 23230

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ALTRIA GROUP, INC. [MO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2008

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) Price | 8,969 (1) | D | |

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 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Phantom Stock Units | (2) | 12/31/2008 | | A | 821 (3) | (4) (4) | Common Stock 821 | \$ 15.2 (5) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FARRELL THOMAS F II 6601 WEST BROAD STREET RICHMOND, VA 23230 | | X | | |

Signatures

Sean X. McKessy for Thomas F. Farrell II
Date: 01/05/2009

**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) Includes 6,469 deferred shares held in the Stock Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors. This is an increase of 119 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends since September 30, 2008, the date of the last reportable transaction.
- (2) Phantom Stock Units convert to the cash value of the issuer's common stock on a 1-for-1 basis.
- (3) These units were acquired on December 31, 2008 pursuant to the Deferred Fee Plan for Non-Employee Directors.
- (4) The distribution of phantom stock units in cash is deferred until a specific date as elected by the participant or upon termination of service as a member of the issuer's board of directors.
- (5) The average of the high and low price of Altria Group, Inc. common stock on December 31, 2008.
- (6) Share equivalents held in the Deferred Fee Plan for Non-Employee Directors. This includes an increase of 821 share equivalents acquired under the Deferred Fee Plan for Non-Employee Directors and 30 share equivalents acquired through the reinvestment of dividends since September 30, 2008, the date of the last reportable transaction.

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