

AMERUS GROUP CO/IA  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
GODLASKY THOMAS C

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
699 WALNUT STREET, SUITE 2000  
(Street)

DES MOINES, IA 50309

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AMERUS GROUP CO/IA [AMH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/02/2006

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)  
Chairman, President and CEO

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)
				(A) or (D)	Amount	Price			
Common Stock	10/02/2006	10/02/2006	G		8,710	D	29,199.41	D	
Common Stock	10/04/2006	10/04/2006	G		2	D	29,197.41	D	
Common Stock	10/02/2006	10/02/2006	G <sup>(2)</sup>		350	A	350	I	By Daughter
Common Stock	10/02/2006	10/02/2006	G		2,338	D	9,784	I	By Spouse
Common Stock							3,898.11 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	By 401 (k) Plan

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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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GODLASKY THOMAS C 699 WALNUT STREET SUITE 2000 DES MOINES, IA 50309	X		Chairman, President and CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Jeananne M. Celander, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Godlasky  
 11/09/2006  
 \*\*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) Price not applicable.  
 This transaction involved a gift of securities by the reporting person to his daughter, who shares reporting person's household. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by his daughter, and this report should not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of his daughter's shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.  
 Number of shares held by the reporter has been adjusted to reflect actual holdings in the reporter's 401(k) account. Previous filings inadvertently included 10,002.47 shares that are not beneficially owned by the reporter, rather the shares are assets of the issuer and are not employee owned.

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