VERTICALNET INC

Form 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person **
NICKOLAS JOHN N

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

VE

(Middle)

(Zip)

VERTICALNET INC [VERT]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First)

(Street)

(State)

Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

__X__ Director _____ Officer (give title

_____ 10% Owner le _____ Other (specify

795 MERCER LANE

(City)

02/14/2006

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

below)

WEST CHESTER, PA 19380

1.Title of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Common Stock 02/14/2006

Code V Amount (D) Price

A 14,085 A 0.01

(A)

21,492 (3)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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 onDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 0.71	02/14/2006		A	20,000	08/05/2006	02/14/2016	Common Stock	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
NICKOLAS JOHN N 795 MERCER LANE WEST CHESTER, PA 19380	X					

Signatures

Christopher G. Kuhn, power of attorney 02/16/2006

**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) Award of Restricted Stock pursuant to 2000 Equity Compensation Plan. 100% of the grant vests on August 5, 2006 provided reporting person is a Director on that date.
- (2) Payable upon distribution of the shares.
- (3) Includes 14,085 shares of Common Stock that may be issued upon vesting of Restricted Stock Units. 100% of the Restricted Stock Units vest on August 5, 2006, provided the provided the reporting person is a director on that date.
- (4) Option Grant; price not relevant.

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