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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 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 * Â Venturelli Larry M (Last) (First) (Middle)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2006	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WHIRLPOOL CORP /DE/ [WHR]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Vice President and Controller	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
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WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION,Â 2000 M-63N  
 (Street)

BENTON HARBOR, MIÂ 49022  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

<b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned</b>			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	62.279 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	401(k) Stock Fund

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)  Title	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	Â (2)	Common	1,333 \$ (2)		D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (3)	Â (3)	Common	1,266 \$ (3)		D	Â
Phantom Restricted Shares (Strategic Excellence Program)	Â (4)	Â (4)	Common	180 \$ (4)		D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Venturelli Larry M WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION 2000 M-63N BENTON HARBOR, MI 49022	Â	Â	Â Vice President and Controller	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Robert T. Kenagy, Corporate Secretary 01/09/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) As of 12/15/05, the latest date for which information is reasonably available, there are 62.279 share held in the account of the undersigned pursuant to the Plan indicated in Column 7.
- (2) 2,000 option shares awarded on 02/16/2004 at the option price of \$72.94 per share with tax withholding rights. Remaining shares will become exercisable as follows: one-third on 02/16/2006; and one-third on 02/16/2007. The options will expire 10 years from date of grant.
- (3) 1,266 option shares awarded on 02/14/2005 at the option price of \$63.24 per share with tax withholding rights. Shares will become exercisable as follows: one-third on 02/14/2006; one-third on 02/14/2007; and one-third on 02/14/2008. The options will expire 10 years from date of grant.
- (4) 180 phantom stock shares (Strategic Excellence Program) awarded on 02/14/05 under the SEP 2004 grant made pursuant to the 2002 Whirlpool Corporation Omnibus Stock and Incentive Plan in transactions exempt under Rule 16(b)-3(c). Time restrictions will lapse and shares will become vested as follows: 50% on 02/14/06; and 50% on 02/14/07.

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