Brandon Joseph Patrick
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Brandon Joseph Patrick	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol ALLEGHANY CORP /DE [Y]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
(Last)　(First)　(Middle) ALLEGHANY CORPORATION, 7 TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH FLOOR	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/23/2012	_____ Director　_____ 10% Owner __X__ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify below)　　　　　below) Executive Vice President
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
NEW YORK, NY 10036		
(City)　(State)　(Zip)		

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	08/23/2012		P		100	A	$ 331.75	17,254	D	
Common Stock	08/23/2012		P		200	A	$ 331.25	17,454	D	
Common Stock	08/23/2012		P		200	A	$ 329.2	17,654	D	
Common Stock	08/23/2012		P		106	A	$ 328.5	17,760	D	
Common Stock	08/24/2012		P		100	A	$ 329.65	17,860	D	

Common Stock	08/24/2012		P	100	A	$ 329.55	17,960	D
Common Stock	08/24/2012		P	100	A	$ 329.7	18,060	D
Common Stock	08/24/2012		P	100	A	$ 329.85	18,160	D
Common Stock	08/27/2012		P	100	A	$ 333.8	18,260	D
Common Stock	08/27/2012		P	100	A	$ 333.33	18,360	D
Common Stock	08/27/2012		P	100	A	$ 332.25	18,460	D
Common Stock	08/27/2012		P	200	A	$ 332.75	18,660	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)

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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
				Code V (A) (D)							

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Brandon Joseph Patrick ALLEGHANY CORPORATION 7 TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH FLOOR			Executive Vice President	

NEW YORK, NY 10036

Signatures

/s/ Stela Burghart, Attorney-in-Fact	08/27/2012
[**]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).

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